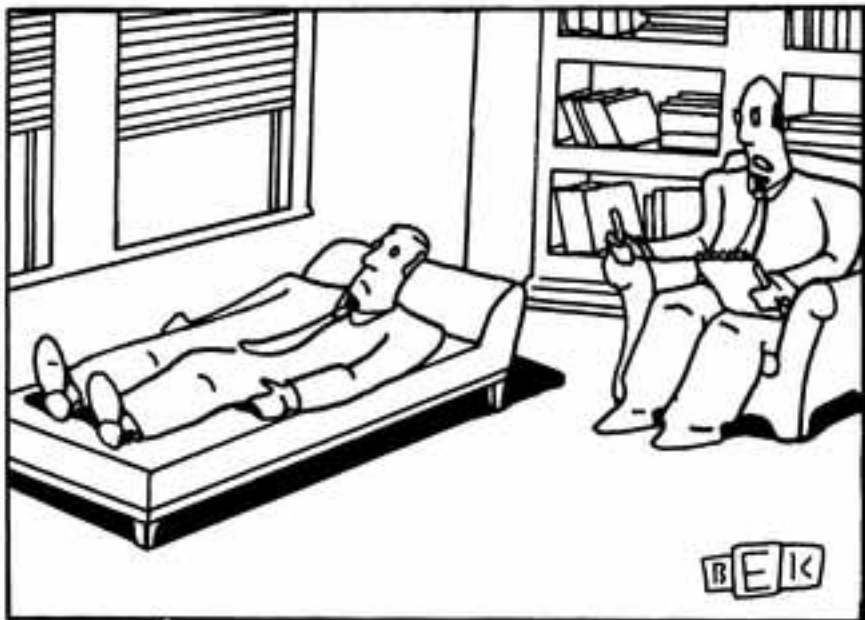
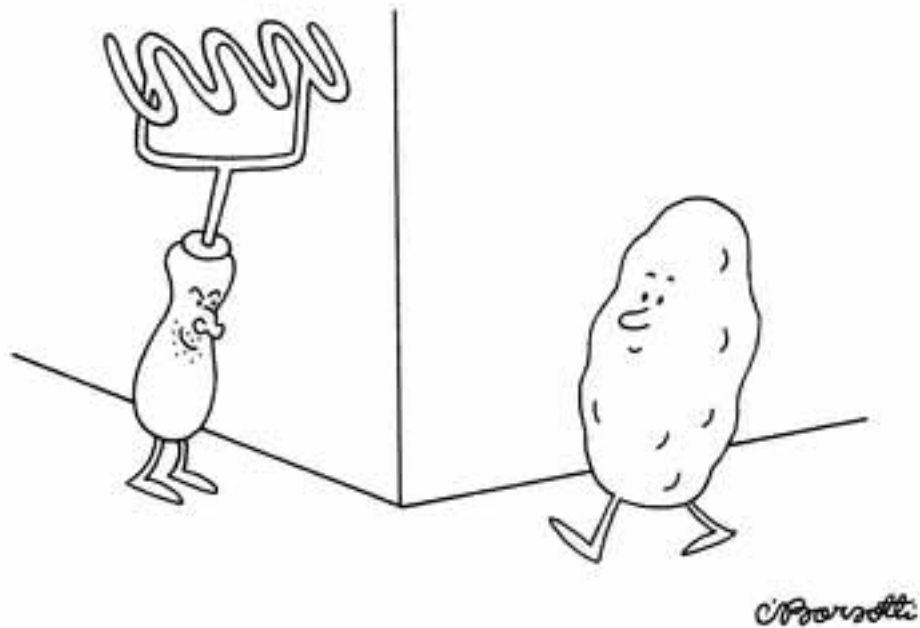




"Woulda, coulda, shoulda. Next!"



*“Mom always liked you and Pinkie and
Spike and Custard and Fluffy best.”*





*“Before kindergarten, I was into that whole
downtown nursery-school scene.”*



*“Do you ever catch yourself wondering what
the hell’s gone wrong with this corporation?”*



"We don't have java. We have mocha java."





"It's probably just somebody I slept with in the seventies."



"I had to put on thirty pounds for this role."



"Our cook is working through a lot of stuff."



"Brian blew his entire advance on food, shelter, and clothing."



"I'm fed up with excuses, Harris. When am I going to start reading about the Satanic right?"



"We've decided not to end the marriage immediately but to let it play itself out."



"The banks liked him, but that was about it."



"Don't get secular with me, pal."



"You just don't get it, do you?"



"What's the next best medicine?"



"And this is Sebastian, our newlywed."



“And do you, Barbie, take Barney . . .”



"I'm seen as a genius, but I'm working against myself."



*“Alex, please. Just because I’m not home doesn’t mean
I’m not thinking about new slipcovers.”*



*"In the interest of streamlining the judicial process,
we'll skip the evidence and go directly to sentencing."*



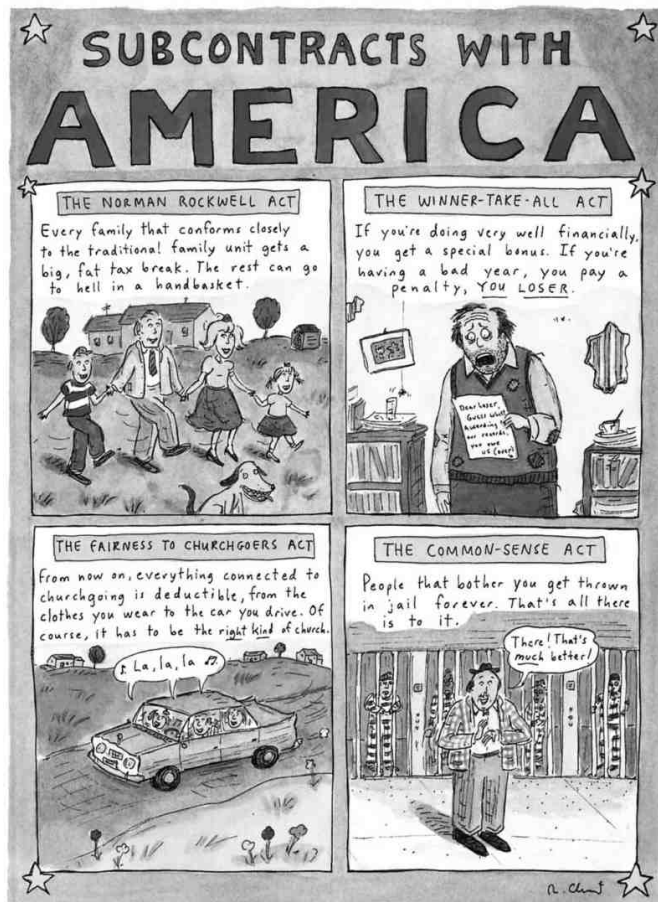
*“All right, so he’s wooden. But, you know,
they say the same thing about Al Gore.”*



"Come a little bit closer. You're my kind of man."



*"I don't know who did her, but when she laughs
the wrinkles go in very weird directions."*





*“On the other hand, it’s nice to see women in positions
that go beyond mere tokenism.”*



"Of all the finger-painting classes in all the day-care centers in all the world, you had to walk into mine."



"Hey, don't I get a receipt?"





"We're out of flowers."



"I'm encouraging him to stay in school and go into white-collar crime."



*"Maynard! Are you blowing smoke through
the fence at Mrs. Woolsey again?"*



"I'm four and change."



"You're my best male friend."



*“Cute, but we’re up to our belly buttons
in heroic-little-snowplow proposals.”*



*"Your case has been turned down by Oprah,
but we're appealing to Sally Jessy Raphael."*



"I'll bet it's that damn Pentium chip again."





*“Could I have a little extra, Dad?
My baseball cards took a big hit last week.”*



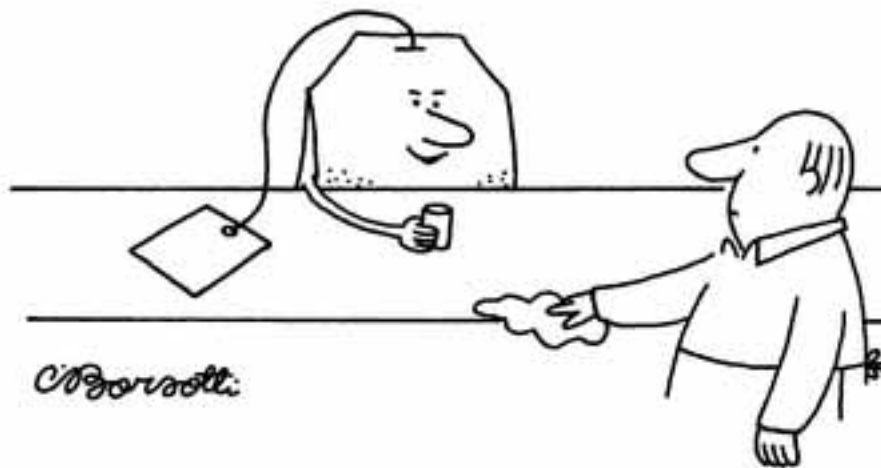
*"Believe me, Alice, you didn't miss a thing.
It wasn't even a party—it was a positioning event."*



“Every now and then, I get an overpowering urge to wear a cowbell.”



"I hear we went platinum."



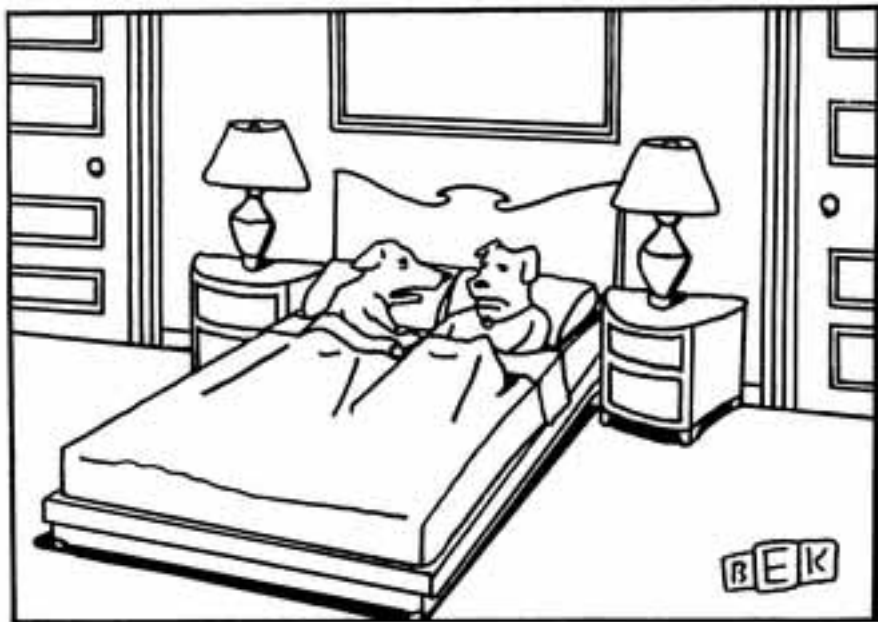
"Where can a fellow find some loose tea in this town?"



"You can keep the broccoli pin."



*"I hate you! You don't understand me and
you don't understand my software!"*



"Since we're both being honest, I should tell you I have fleas."



"Paloma designed these especially for me."



"I'd like to be respected for my mind, but I'll settle for clothes."



“Whatever you do, please don’t edit yourself.”



"I'm his biological lawyer."



"You can't leave. Your role in this relationship is pivotal."

ACCOMMODATIONS

BY WILLIAM STEIG





"The surprising thing is that Flaubert, who was a man, actually got it."





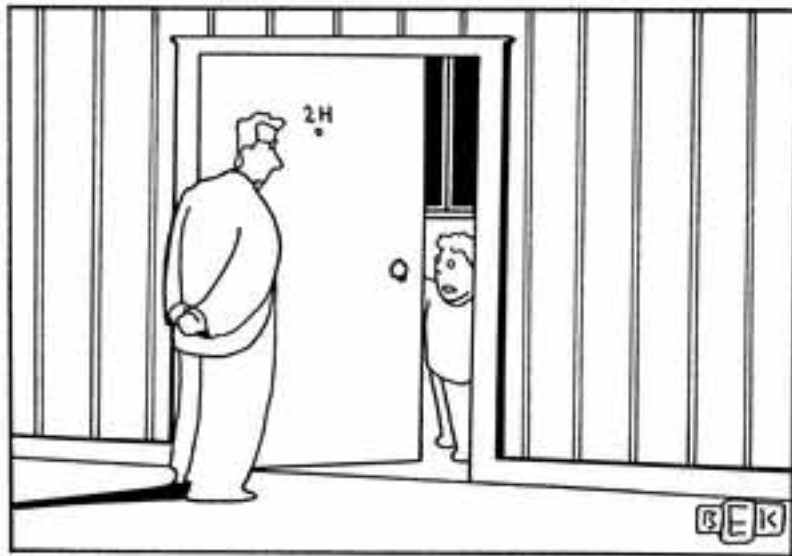
“Yes, Doreen, I think I am capable of unconditional love.”



"New York is a place of free spirits."



"When did you start putting 'Nina's' in your hair?"



"I see, your name is Dad. And what family did you say you're with?"



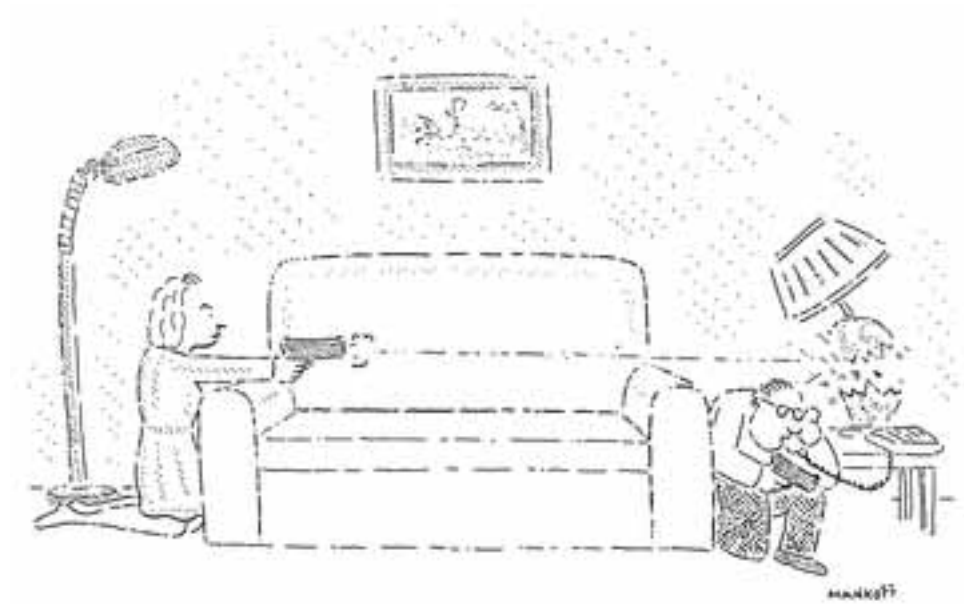
"I wish I had known you when you had money."



"I need some answers, people."



"Included is a set of scarves by Givenchy."



“As a matter of fact, you did catch us at a bad time.”





“Must you tell us what our daily share of the national debt is every time we sit down to dinner?”



"Well, enough of the coy sexual byplay Bobby. I've got to dive back into the data stream."



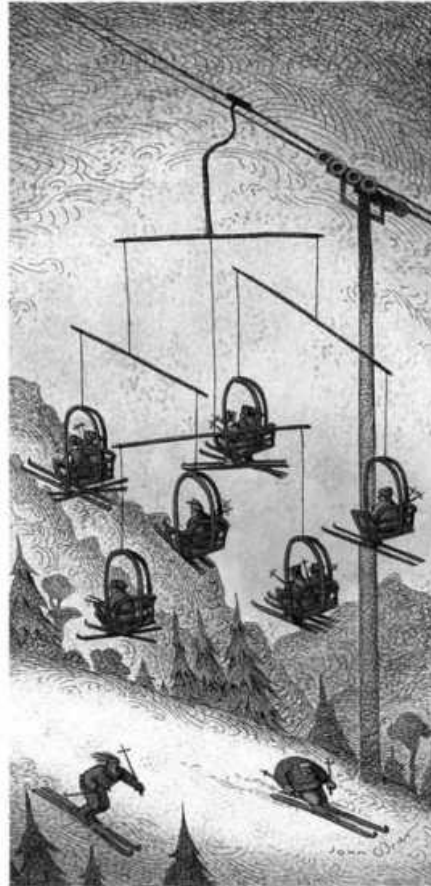
"Harriet, do we have any nuts?"



"It's a cat calendar, so it may not be all that accurate."



"Be there in a sec, darling. I just want to touch base with Tiffany."





"Before I forget, Detrick, here's the dental plan."



*"Look, I'm not talking about a lifetime commitment.
I'm talking about marriage."*



“This one’s contemporary: ‘Recapturing an ecstatic vision in the young composer’s mind, brought on by a carbohydrate binge.’”



“For the last time—Daddy doesn’t do sports.”



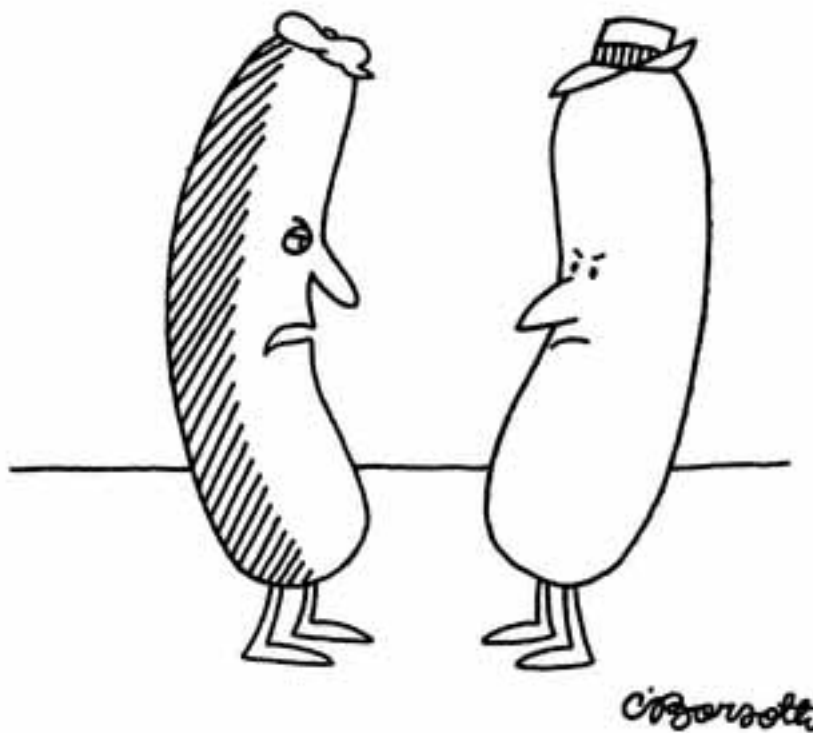
"How do you want your slice—with or without a ballerina?"



"That was a fine report, Barbara. But since the sexes speak different languages, I probably didn't understand a word of it."



"Let me get you another copy. Someone left a slice of salami in this one."



"They grilled me, Eddie, but I didn't talk."



*"This cave is a very important art find,
but it dates back only to the Impressionists."*



"I'm sorry, but Mr. Berrell is in Port St. Lucie trying out for the Mets."



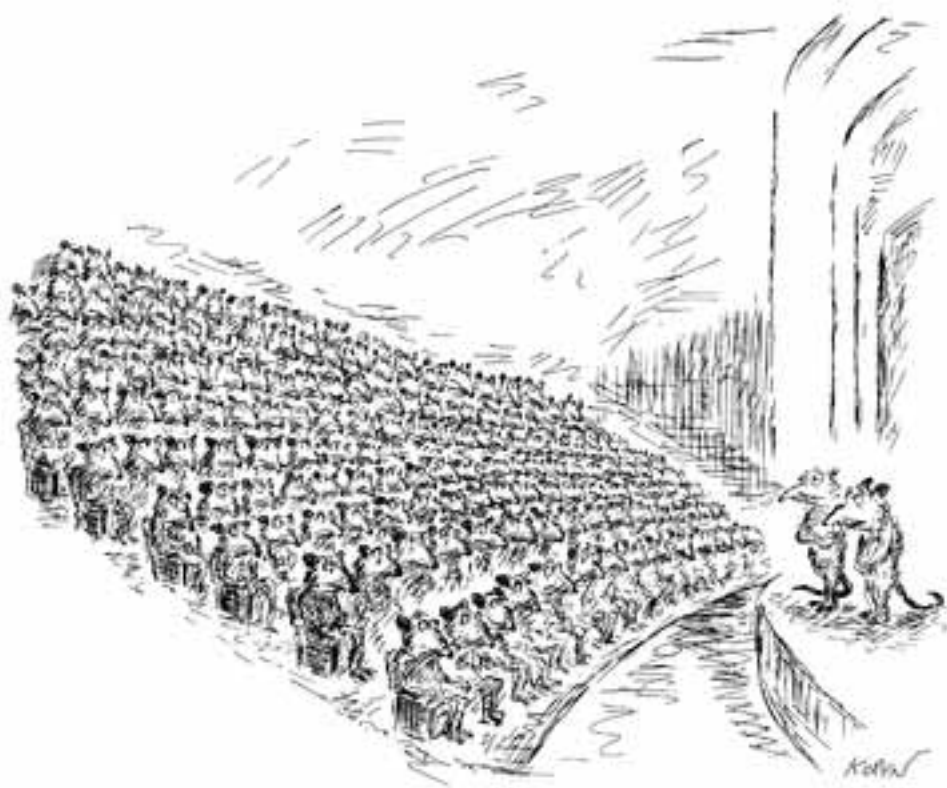
"When you said you were rich, I never dreamed you were this rich!"



*“Ogden, could you pull a string and get
me one of those pictures of you naked at Yale?”*



*"It won't print out anything but these damn
reading lists from Newt Gingrich."*



“Your father and I want to explain why we’ve decided to live apart.”



“My, oh, my! What a fascinating guy you are, Vincent! But now, if it’s not too much trouble, I’d like you to take my order.”



“What do you mean, you don’t like it? It’s the story of mankind.”

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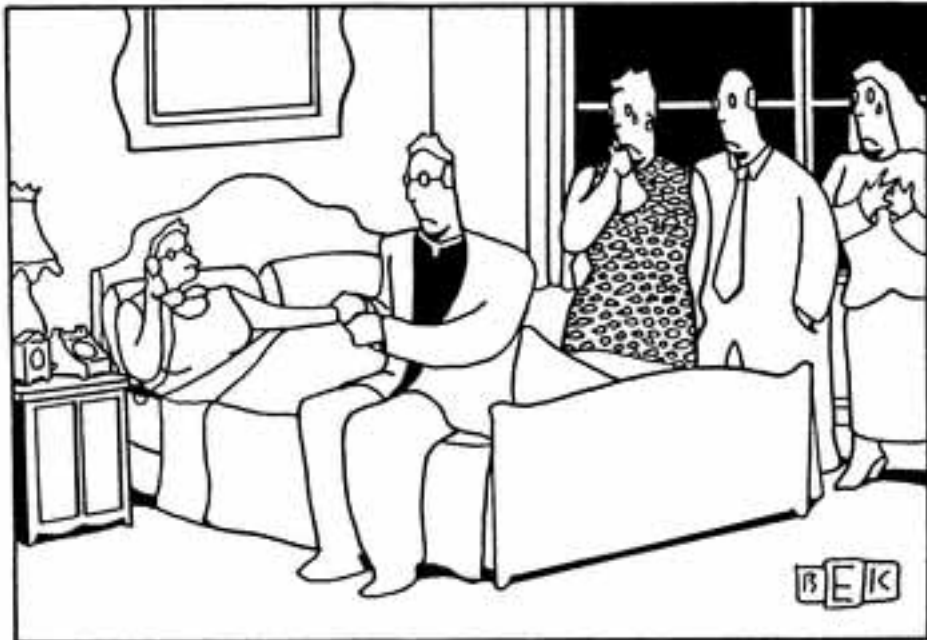
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"Look, I'm dying. Gotta go."



“Was that my pager or yours?”



"This is a second opinion. At first, I thought you had something else."





*"I'm going across the street for a sandwich and coffee.
Can I get you something?"*



“And remember, son, perception isn’t reality—money is.”



"I've seen all his short films about the rain forest. Now what?"



"A couple of suits and a skirt to see you."



“If memory serves, the alternative to being a McGovern-nik was being a Nixon-nik.”



*"This just in! A fifteen-man nineteen-forties swing-era-style big band
was discovered intact today in Brno, Czechoslovakia."*







“Harlan’s reached the age when, after a little afternoon nap, he takes a little stroll, has a little drink, eats a little supper, watches a little TV, and calls it a day a little after ten.”



"Tell me again, Dad, how you started in the mailroom."



FIRST REPORTED SIGHTING





"I've heard a lot about you—all nutty, of course."



*“Do you want to tell him he’s taking all
the fun out of our marriage or shall I?”*



"Nonsense, Mother. You'll probably outlive us all."



"Your work holds up quite well, Ben."



"Everything's fine, thanks."



"Help me on this one, Jimbo. What I want to do here is fire you."



“Three fully articulated action figures to see you, Mr. Reynolds.”



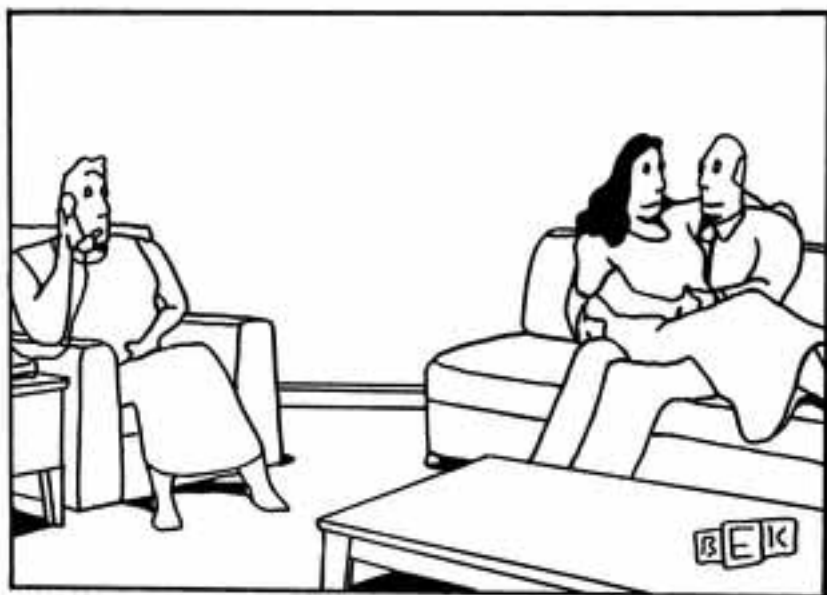
*"We don't believe in pressuring the children. When the time is right,
they'll choose the appropriate gender."*



"I suggest you air your woes through the media."



*“Bad news, Phil—due to federal funding cutbacks,
we can’t afford to put your head back on.”*



"So you think I should just ignore it?"



“Could I have another machine? This man is reading a comic book.”



"Henry is a night person."



*"Come along, son. We are at but the beginning
of a long and arduous journey."*

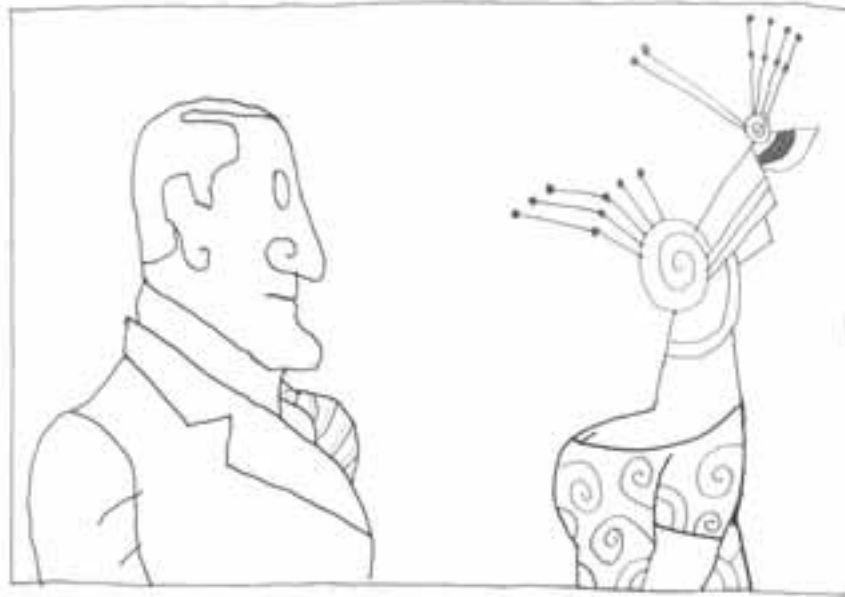
A MARTHA STEWART MOMENT IN APARTMENT 8-J



COUPLES (1 OF 5)



COUPLES (2 OF 5)



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COUPLES (5 OF 5)





"That's the first time I've heard 'My Way' played on a harp."



"How about a discount for the little lady, pal, as your way of saying thanks for the bailout?"



*You'd better phrase that more politely.
We no longer use the  word."*



"The top drawer was used to bury your Uncle Bertie."



"The leftovers sound good."



*“What do you think, Al—
shall I use the tax cut for a CD-ROM drive or an Uzi?”*



“Frogs? Isn’t that supposed to be some kind of warning?”



*“Topping our news tonight are whipped cream,
nuts, chocolate syrup, and a cherry.”*



"Old Mrs. Cranshaw is next, Doctor. Better put on your white jacket."



"The studio's asked me to see if I can dumb down some Danielle Steel."



*"It's probably all for the best.
Those meals were awfully rich."*





"Smoke a cigar that fits your face."

OUR SPIES IN FRANCE: WHAT THEY FOUND OUT

There will never be another Edith Piaf.



Unfiltered cigarettes, Brie, and
pâté de foie gras are actually
extremely good for you.



French women definitely know things about
fashion that American women don't.



People over there do like Jerry
Lewis, just not as much
as we think they do.





Shanahan

"In the future, son, everyone will be an attorney for fifteen minutes."



"Who's the wise guy who drank my caffè grand latte?"



*"Shall I cancel the Henderson meeting?
You have walkies scheduled at three."*



*"I was rather hoping a Passaic River School might form,
but so far it's just me."*



“Marie, I think I’ve finished my novel!”



"But, in the end, you will become bored with that, too."





"I can't sleep. I just got this incredible craving for capital."



*"If you saw a book with the title 'An American
Speaks Out,' would you buy it?"*



"You've been with us a long time, Winnie, and we're prepared to offer you a generous severance package."







"Fresh ground pepper?"



"Damn! I keep waking up in the middle of the day."



*“Your clock may be telling you to get married, but
mine’s telling me to have lunch.”*



"With any entrée, you get unlimited access to the trough."



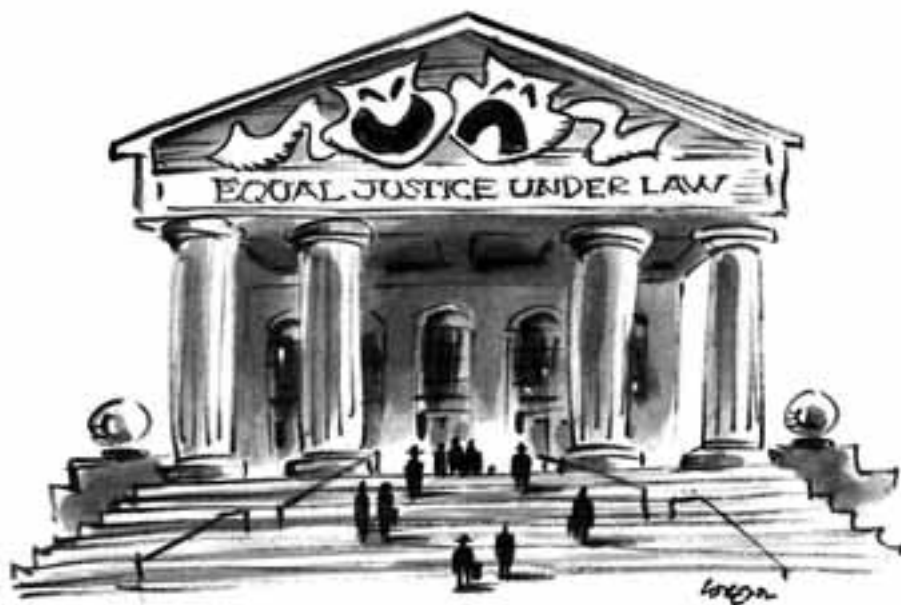
"Hoarding is just as human as sharing."



“And the Oscar goes to . . . ‘Forrest Gump!’”



"Mind paying this? I'm having a bad-money day."





"Because I've already said all I can say in this particular medium."



*“And do you, Deborah Tannen, think they know
what they’re talking about?”*





*"To Randall Piersault, vice-president for Mergers
and Acquisitions. Dear Randy: Shall we dance?"*



“Dad, when will I be old enough to shave?”

THE PREQUEL

There was a young lady who
lived in a purse.



Things were quite bad, and
then they got worse.



Her mother did cry, and
her father did, too.



When she married the moron
who lived in a shoe.



R. Crumb





“Warp 1—engage!”

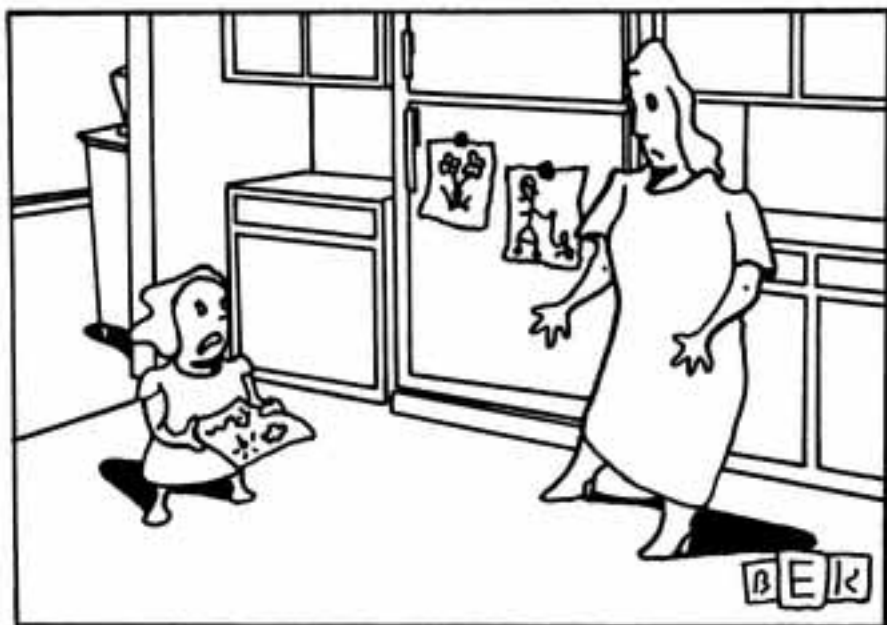




"You are a very sick rabbit."



“Lord, if my prayers are pleasing to Thee, please confirm by fax.”



"You heard me. This is it. We had a three-picture deal."



"In the novel based on my case, I'm acquitted."



"Now that you mention it, they do look like ants."



"Barry made the wine. I made the cheese."



"You don't think it's too Johnnie Cochran?"



"I hear we've had another rash of Elvis sightings."



"And then we saw this huge temple that was carved from living rock, and I can't remember what it was called, but I remember thinking, Wow!"



"You folks ready to order?"



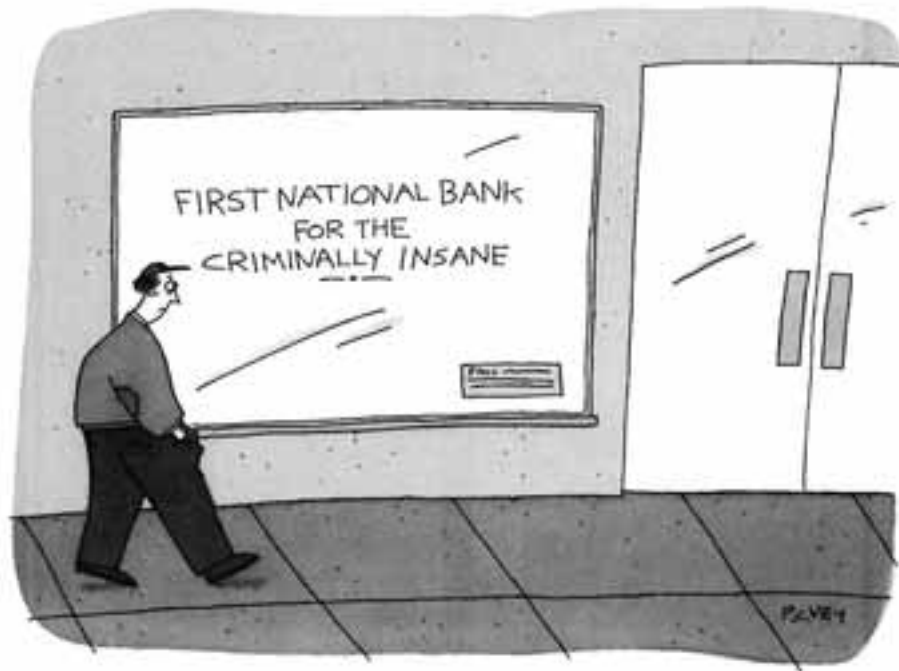
"We got him onto an exercise bike, but I'm afraid it was too late."



"No. 319. A long silk-organza halter dress with arabesque crystal beading. With it Clarisse carries an unobtrusive .38 revolver with a handle of cloisonné enamel."



"I trust the changes at Disney will not affect our relationship."







"It's just exhaustion, sweetie. Everybody's got it."



“When did everything essential become quintessential?”





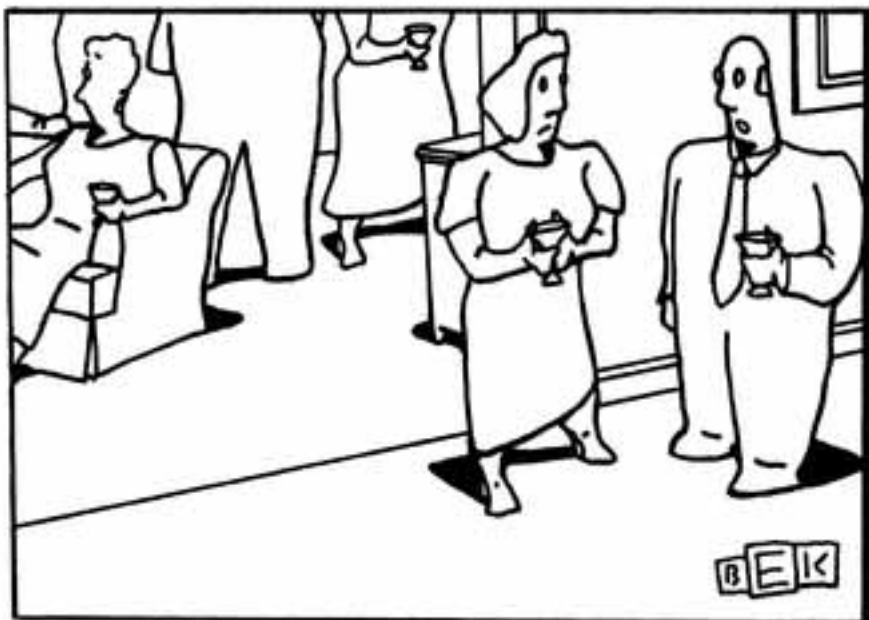
"No, I don't know where your pirate shirt is."



*"Are you talking down to me, Evans? Because I don't
like it when people talk down to me."*



“Look, Ellen, haven’t I always been fairly honest with you?”



"Right now, I'm between naps."



*“Katia, I know that with the right combination
of therapy and medication I could have a committed
relationship with you.”*



*"Dear Sirs: Yes! I would like to learn more
about Rogaine with minoxidil."*



"Sometimes I wish they'd never perfected setless television."



“No offense, Lou, but you’re a money guy, not a movie guy.”



"I need a change. Normally, I just wear the faint odor of vague discomfort and unhappiness."



"I gotta tell ya, these embezzlement convictions raise a red flag."



"Hi, honey—I'm home."



"If I were a car, you could find the words."



"Shall we join the ladies?"



“Needs more sass.”



“Oh, the usual. Lunch at Le Cirque and then the abyss.”



“O.K. That covers the last meal. Now, which would you prefer, hanging, electrocution, or lethal injection?”



“Are you trying to turn me into a hostile witness?”



"We are not amused."



"Pop, could we have a sidebar?"



"Harmon was shaving and his stomach fell into the sink."



"A billion is a thousand million? Why wasn't I informed of this?"



"So, is there a Mrs. Peanut?"

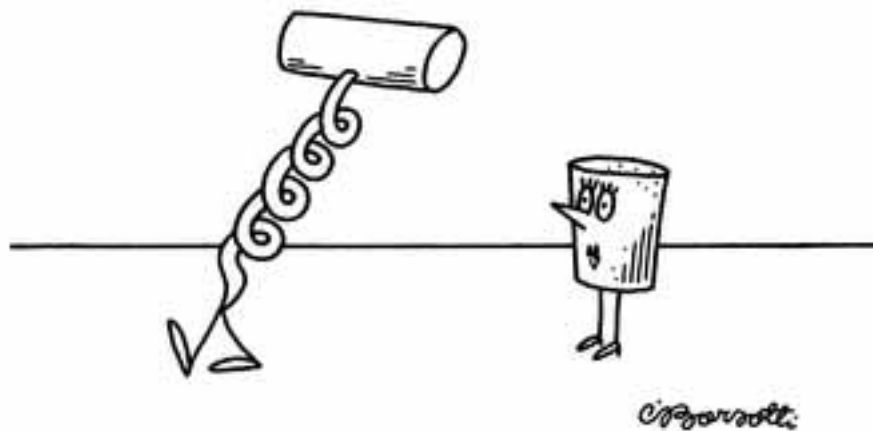




*"I bet the same day Yale was giving Bass back his money,
they were handing mine out to whales and feminazis."*



*"I'm from Simmersby, Blomm & Tuggarton, down the hall.
Can you spare us a few dense paragraphs of legal boilerplate?"*



"Will you call me?"



"I keep thinking about last night's salmon en croûte."



“Human Resources.”



"No, really—it works for you."





"Daddy promises he'll be there the next time you kick butt, honey."





"Thanks, New York. You've been a wonderful audience."





"I see you as a little bee, Kutner. Buzz, buzz, buzz, go make some honey."



"And now a word for those of you with oily skin."



"They're from the new Gangsta line of sleepwear."



*“He’s mellowed quite a bit over the years.
However, that’s become a signature thing for him.”*



"When we have interactive books, the first thing I'm going to do is rush Little Nell to a hospital."



“You don’t get it, Daddy, because they’re not targeting you.”



*“Look, I’ve tried quiet diplomacy to gain my freedom,
but it just hasn’t worked.”*



“When I first learned that men and women have significantly different ways of thinking, I said, ‘Excellent! This calls for a drink!’”



"Well, you've certainly come to the right place. In fact, we carry an extensive line of furniture that doesn't suck."





"Before this goes any further, I'd like to see some identification."



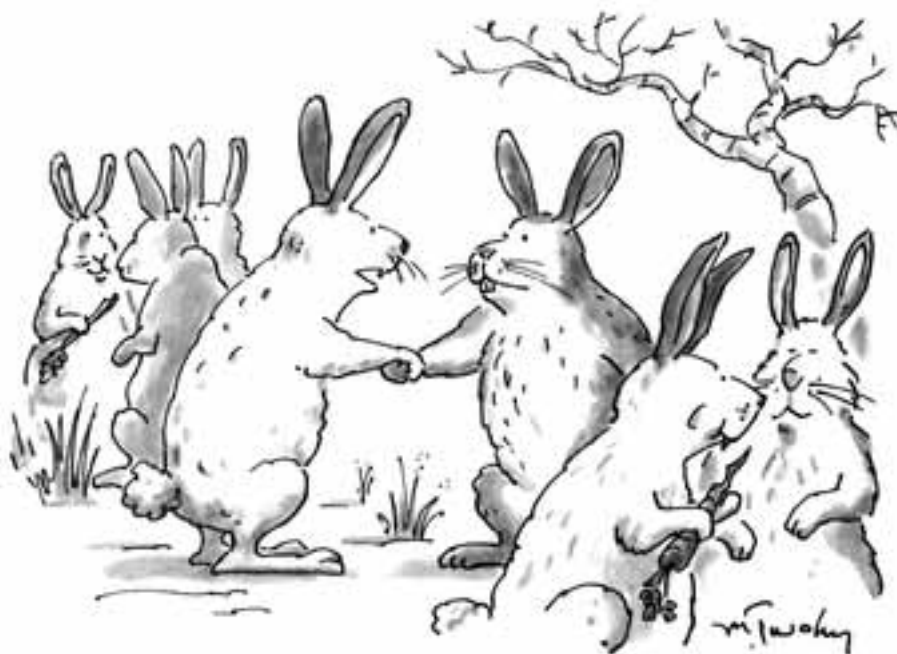
"Oh, filled with hopeless longing. And you?"



"If you put me in your novel, could you give me hair?"

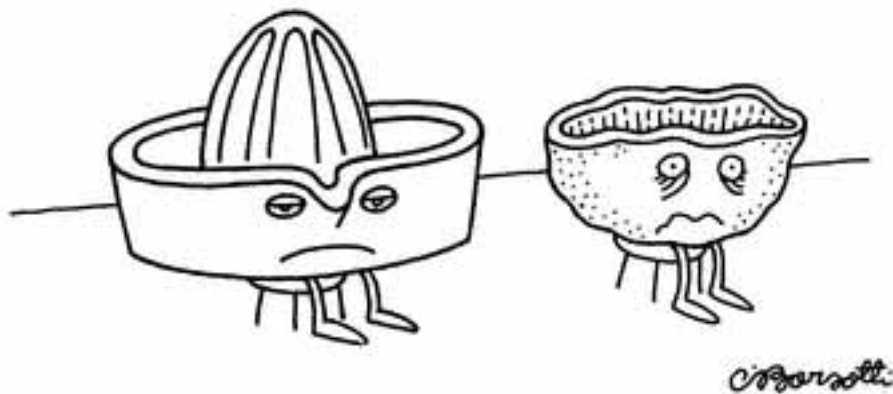


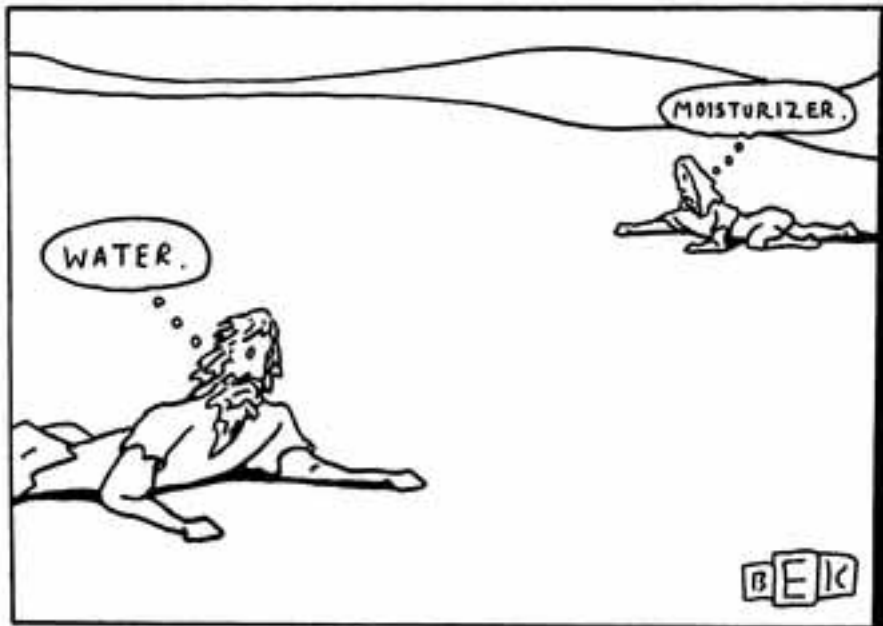
"Honesty is the best policy, Fernbaugh, but it's not company policy."

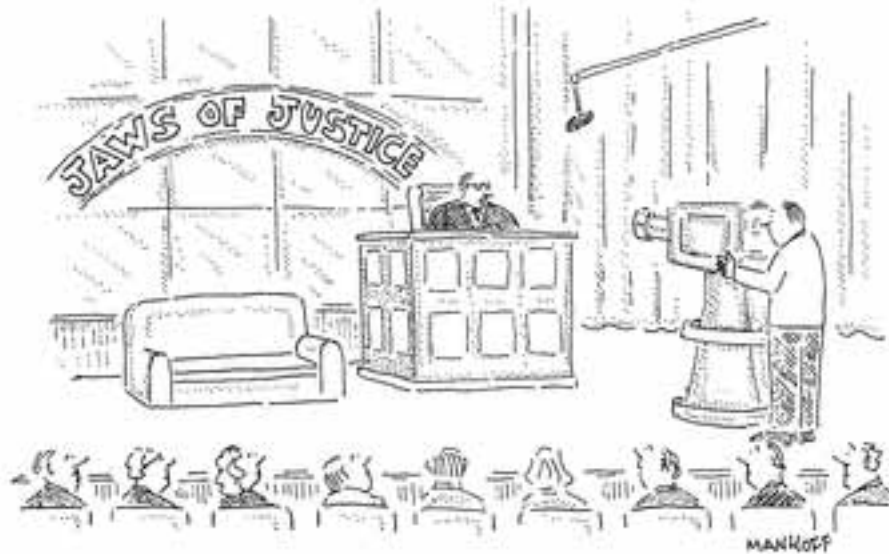


"Still doing the egg thing?"

JERRY SPRINGER'S GUESTS TODAY







*“My next guest is a charming grifter with a record as long as your arm.
Let’s give him a big ‘Jaws of Justice’ welcome.”*



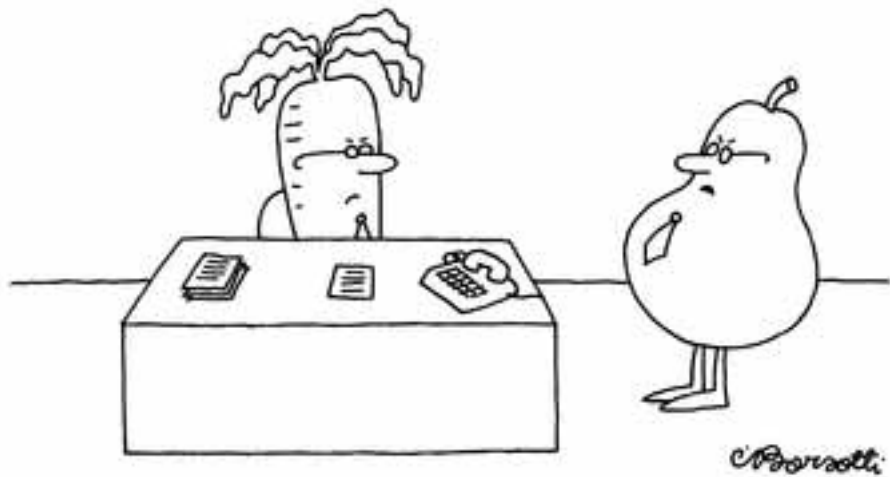
"Damn it, Eddie, you told me this script was stupid."



*"I'm not worried about you, Henley.
You'll land on your feet."*



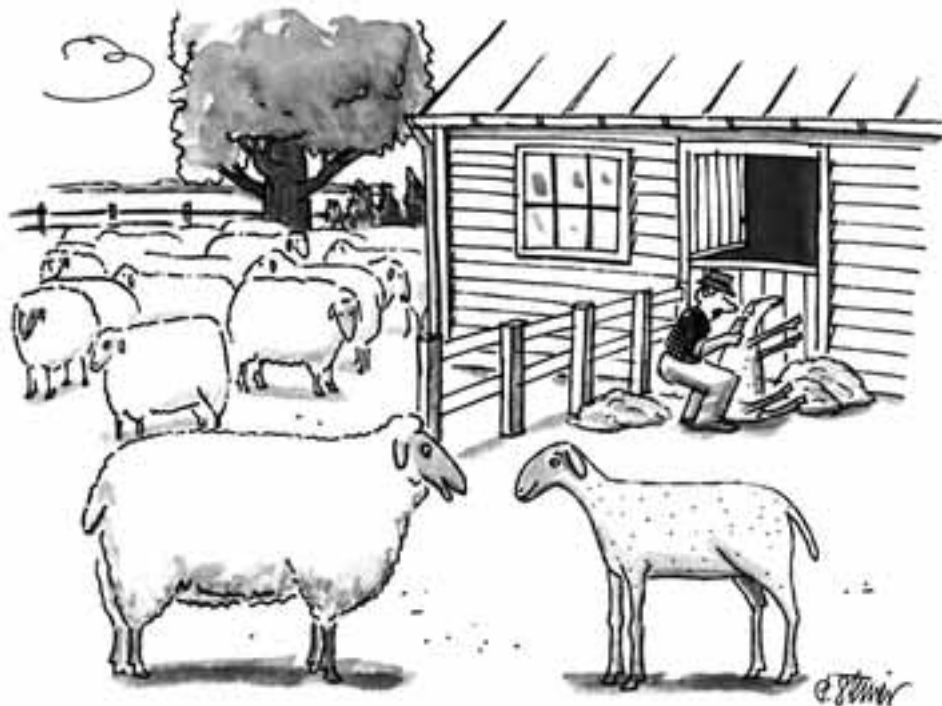
“Caroline, there are so many mysteries about you, so many puzzles, starting with your precious beaded baseball hat.”



*"The ginger root got the promotion because
the ginger root is qualified."*



"Waiter, there's a phone in my soup!"



"It makes you look years younger."



*"For a moment, I was afraid I'd been demonized,
but it turns out I've only been cuckolded."*



*“Marry me, darling, and I will do everything I can to
keep Medicare and Social Security off the table.”*

THE LOVE SONG OF
J. ALFRED CREW





*“Workaholic? Brokers and salesmen are workaholics.
Artists are obsessed. There’s a difference.”*

SKETCHBOOK BY JOHN O'BRIEN
THE RELAY RAT RACE

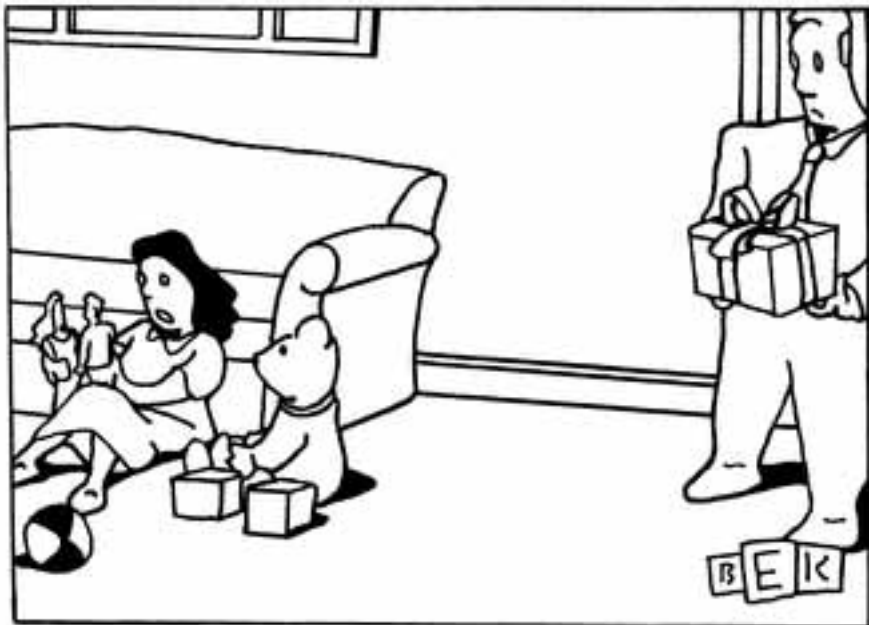




"At Morgan Stanley, Ms. Brimworth, we do not shout 'Bingo!'"



"I'm not in a breakfast-fixing mood just now."



“Well, who’s it from? I don’t take blind submissions.”





"It's very indoorsy."



"I'd love to chat longer, but I've got to get this guy to a hospital."



"I need a monster in my life."





"I was out of work once, but I got off my duff and cleaned out this rich old babe in Riverdale."



"He's, like, 'To be or not to be,' and I'm, like, 'Get a life.'"



"You wear too many clothes."



"I insisted on the quotation marks."



"Murray Mitchell—I represent the deceased."



"Neil Simon, where are you?"



"Howard is my most male friend."



"I'm afraid our flowers don't say things like that."



“Why, Ferber, I’m surprised to find you away from your desk.”





"How much for the couch without the potato?"

ELOISE REVISITED





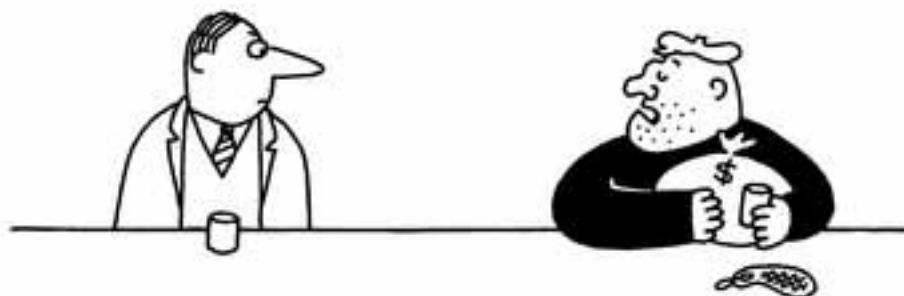
"Say yes. I need a win."



“For God’s sake, Jen, he’s old enough to be your waiter!”



"Stay!"



Barsotti

"I presume your innocence."



"I'll have this guy, this guy, and this guy."



“It is unbelievable how time flies: all our children are divorced, too.”



"The derby is better. That makes you look like Abraham Lincoln."



“Talk about old New York families—they bought their Warhols new!”



"I'm hanging in there, but I think Edgar is down to his last marble."



"Are you through with your 'Times'?"



“Don’t panic. It’s only a prototype.”





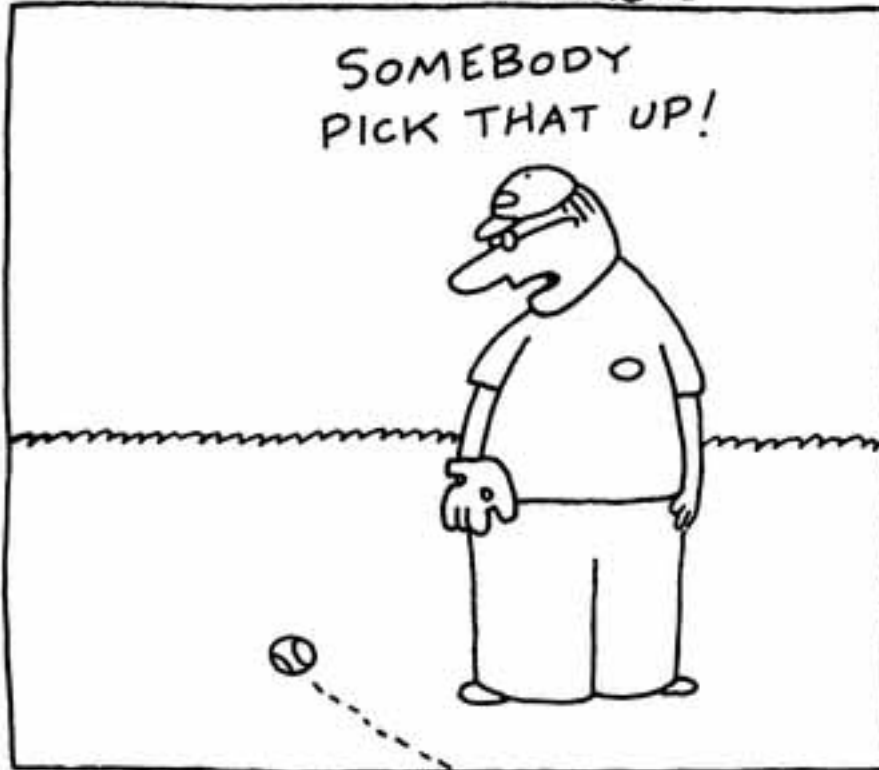
"Yes, you may go to the bathroom."



"Steve and I live together, but we're getting indicted separately."

EXECUTIVE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

SOMEBODY
PICK THAT UP!



Charles Barsotti



“Happy campers are all alike; every unhappy camper is unhappy in his own way.’ I like it!”

PETER AND THE WOLF, 1995





"Well, it certainly explains why everyone's so nice!"



“People like you don’t seem to realize that this precious environment of yours is very expensive to maintain.”







*"Denny and I have decided to retain the façade
and gut the rest of the marriage."*



*"I'll level with you, Charlie. I'm going to let
money get in the way of our friendship."*



“Le roi s’amuse. Now put your father on the phone.”



*"I was under the impression that
the sex we were having was recreational!"*



"Do you want that with or without angioplasty?"



"Dusk was Victor Hugo's favorite part of the day, too."



"Well, pardon me for living!"



“Has it ever occurred to anyone that if we stopped wearing these damned skirts we wouldn’t have to march off to defend our manhood every five minutes?”



"It's our way of saying, 'Thank you for shopping at Wilson's.'"



"I'm not a machine, Deborah. I can't just turn my greed on and off."



"No, but I can give you an unfunded mandate."



“One word, gentlemen—‘Ungowa!’”



*"It's soon to be listed in the National Register
of Historic Military Holes in the Ground."*



"You know, I've never seen you without your whiskers before."



"He would have disappeared long ago had I not had the foresight when we first married to have a tracking device implanted in his left buttock."



*"Oh, that sounds lovely, dear, but I'm afraid
your father and I have already made plans."*

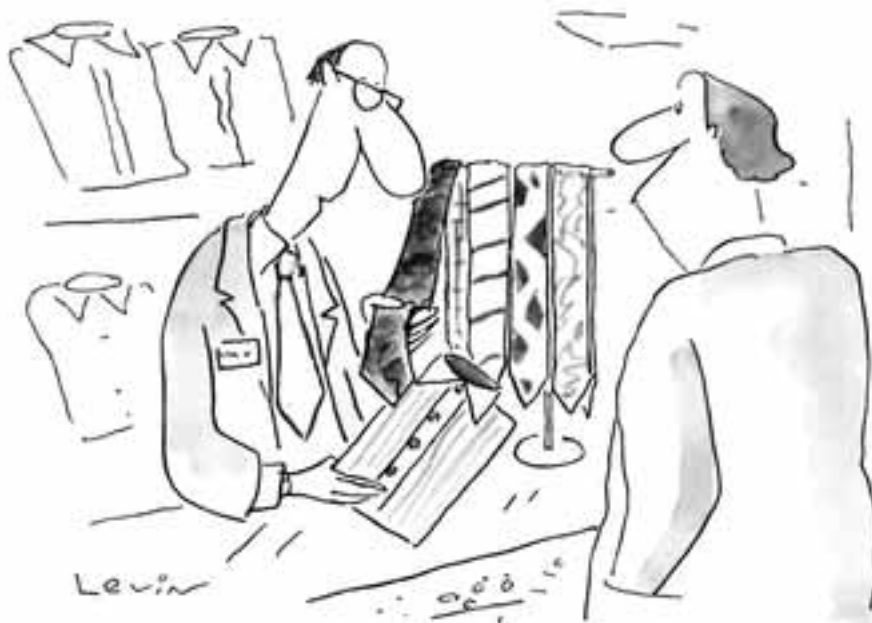


"Funding for 'Nova' is provided by Merck and Lockheed, by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and by annual financial support from viewers like you."





“What do you want to bring to the table when you grow up?”



"This is a good match. Are you being tried here or in L.A.?"



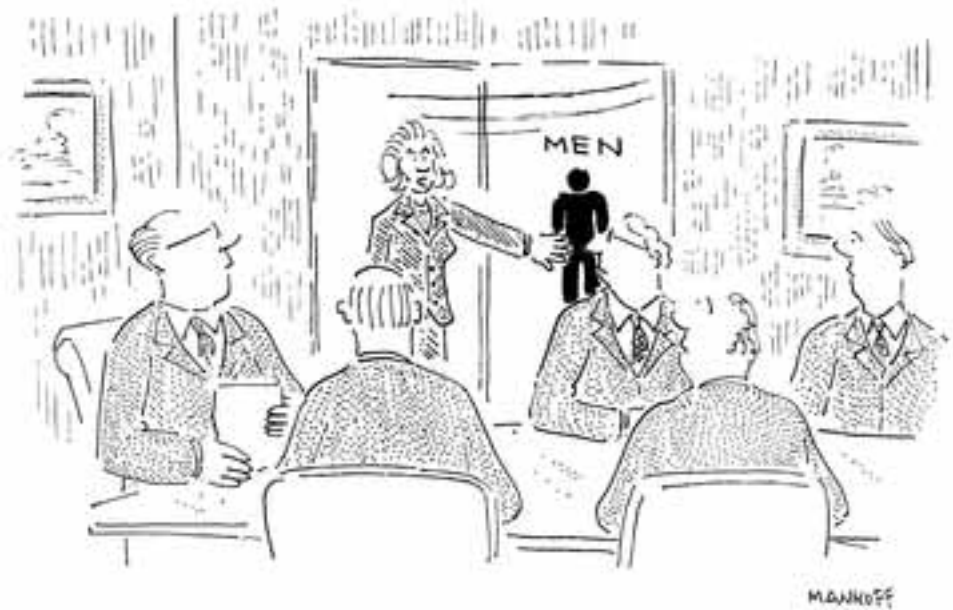
*“Earthworms are good guys, and birds are good guys—
that’s just life, honey.”*

THE WUNDERKIND AT WORK





“With your large bucket of popcorn, you get your choice of Milk Duds, Jujubes or Strawberry Twizzlers.”



"Aha! Just as I suspected!"



*“Don’t ask, don’t tell, don’t give a crap—
that’s my contract with America.”*



CLOTHES- HORSES OF THE ART SCENE

Spelman Brood is not a "natura morta" painter in the classical sense. His vision of contemporary culture (as reflected in 1994's "Touch the Princess") is strong, singular, and unrelenting. As is the Bajani's taste in soft, luxurious silks by Massimo Fannullone. Shoes by Fogo.

Posing with "Five Hundred," a glass-and-ceramic replica of the Fiat classic, Earl Birg notes the link between cars and art. "When I can't find the car I want, I make it! It's as easy as slipping into these dusty-mint cargo pants from Ti Place."



Marta Ignace loves to celebrate the ordinary. For comfort while pursuing her vision in polymer resins (the 1994 "Bang"), she chooses printed stretch satin from A Macca!





*"Midnight already? Zounds! My wife
will heap contumely upon my head!"*



"Let's try it. We won't tell them we're flies."



*“You’ll be immune to prosecution but increasingly
susceptible to lies and innuendo.”*



“Since when are you such a big authority on the flat tax?”



“Jennifer and I are slouching toward a June wedding.”



"Astronomy did so start out as a guy thing."



"I come from a long line of divorcées."



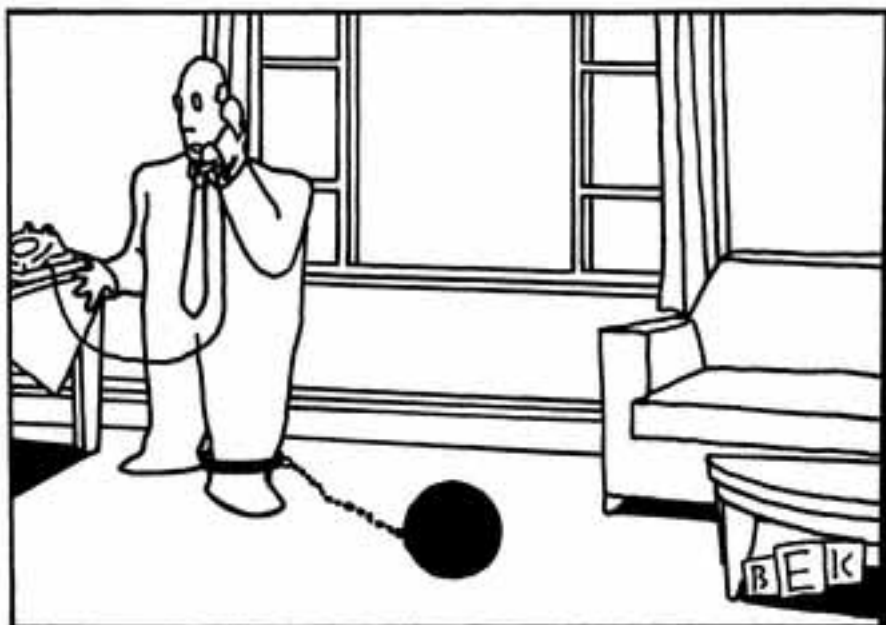
“Seating is boy, attorney, girl, attorney.”



*"We don't have an attic, so you'll have to
keep me in the living room."*



“Oh, please go on. I can listen and shred at the same time.”



"It was her dying wish."



*“Yes, we know them. We like them, but we’re not
crazy about, you know, the other him.”*



"It's your father, dear—he doesn't need a warrant."



"I assure you, my sweet, I can't think of anyone I would rather have bound me into my grave than you."



SUBURBAN SIGHTSEERS





"Very classy choice for a guy who's eating solo."



"Can we get some more bread sticks over here?"





"This is neither Heaven nor Hell. It's the private sector."



“Davis, come in here and take a bullet.”



"Don't get me wrong. Legality has its place."



Barsotti

"Talk? Hell, after a few drinks you can't shut me up."



“Guess what—I’m back to being a liberal.”



"Just a few H.M.O.s vying for our bodies."



"I have a couple of other projects I'm excited about."



"The way I see it is, we're both serious, but about different things."





"I think we've bent our genders about as far as they want to go."



"No, but you've a stranger name than I do, Gunga Din!"



"I liked it better on top of my husband."



"Remember, this is just an experiment."



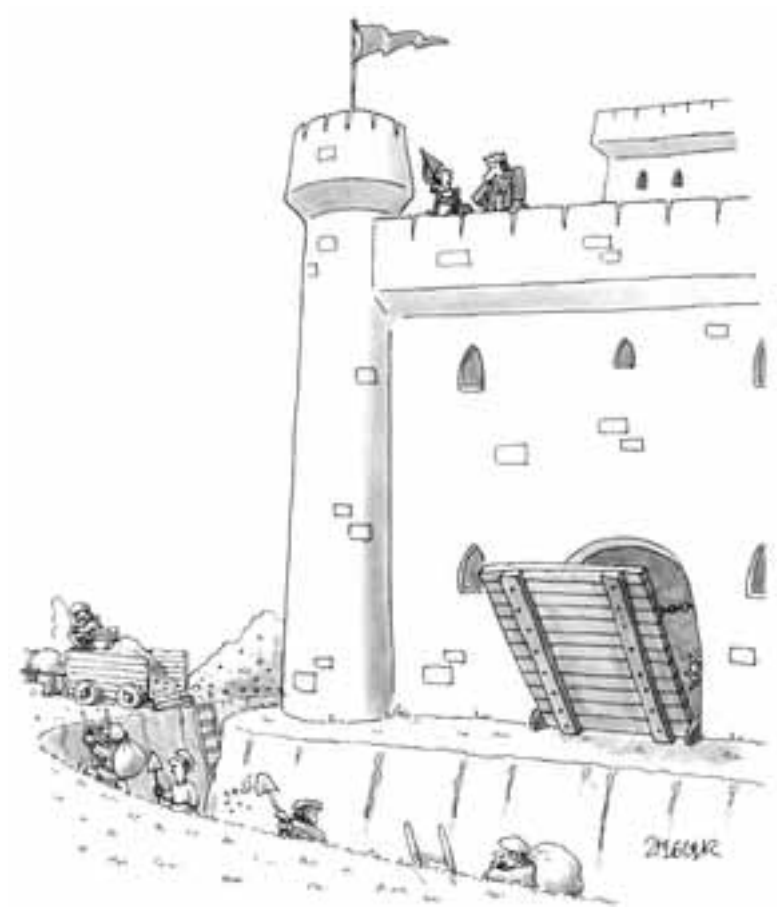
*"Would you guys like to come over for a while?
Frank can't turn off his motor."*



"I'm in my other handbag."







"I still think a simple pedestrian mall would have sufficed."



"I'm gay. Details at eleven."



"There are two ways we can go here—one per cent of the gross or ninety-nine per cent of the net."



"I disagree. I think he looks like his father."



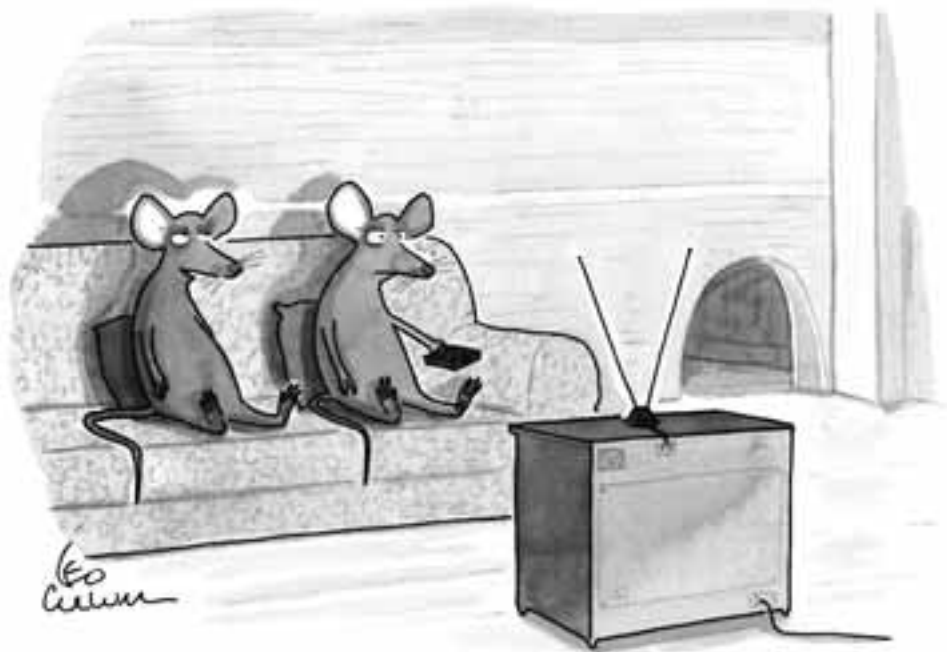
"Dennison. Court-ordered reconciled party of two."



*"It's as big a turnout as we could manage, Sire.
There's so much cynicism these days."*



*"My dying wish is that you all take off your clothes
and get in bed with me."*



"That's the catnip channel. We had to take it to get the cheese channel."



"We brought a video of a wedding we liked."



"This time, I'm skipping love and looking for value."



*"Is something troubling you, Charles?
It's not like you to run over a pedestrian."*



*"You picked the wrong religion, period.
I'm not going to argue about it."*

PRESCHOOLS FOR DOGS

Miss Fifi's

A very prestigious school for girl puppies. Neatness, quietness, and how to look cute while sitting on a pillow are stressed.



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A progressive school for young dogs of both sexes, with an emphasis on creativity, freedom, and self-esteem.



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For the puppy with discipline problems, there's just no other choice. Video upon request.



R. Chon J



"Tim, I'm having a problem with your marriage proposal."



“Ooh! Bummer!”



*“What with current restrictions on punitive damages,
I had no recourse but to shoot the son of a bitch.”*



"Your mom wants to buy you a drink."





"Sue the bastards."

THE LANGUAGE OF PROM DRESSES

BY MICHAEL CRAWFORD





“Next, I will use a medium-point roller-ball pen with black ink and, on the anterior side of the upper-left quadrant, two centimeters below the binding staple, begin detailing in bold print the patient’s previous medications and treatments relating to present indications for procedure and treatment, as required on this particular health-insurance form.”



"I do love you, but I love you as a crimefighter."





“Do you have the ‘Oxford Companion to Michael Jackson’?”



“Don’t you see—we could all be free-range!”





“Excellent, but not fit for a king.”



"See? This is why I get the big bucks."



“Well, he was on the endangered list, and I thought I could save him.”



"Come and get me, coppers!"



“Lady and gentleman of the jury, have you reached your verdict?”



"Chest 42, waist 38, inseam 33, Princeton '48."



“Where did you get your husband?”





*"We're very sorry, Doyle, but you've been here for twelve years,
and the other temps are starting to talk."*



"If I knew where I'd lost the sponge, it wouldn't be lost, now, would it?"



*"I do like Martin. For a nice, wishy-washy,
passive-aggressive guy, he's great!"*



"Since when did my opinions become 'riffs'?"



“Don’t forget to cancel my subscription to ‘Modern Maturity.’”



"We're a natural, Rachel. I handle intellectual property, and you're a content-provider."



"I had dual air bags once, but I divorced her."



*“He picked up some kind of anger in England in the late fifties,
and he’s never been able to shake it.”*



"There goes one strange cow."



*"I'm certain I speak for the entire legal profession when
I say that the fee is reasonable and just."*



"He has a few things to work through, but we're good together."



*“You’re in luck, in a way. Now is the time to be sick—
while Medicare still has some money.”*



"It was I, Glenda. I wrote the book of love."



*"The sun was shining, the bees were humming, the birds were singing.
'We're all going to have a wonderful time!' cried Billy."*

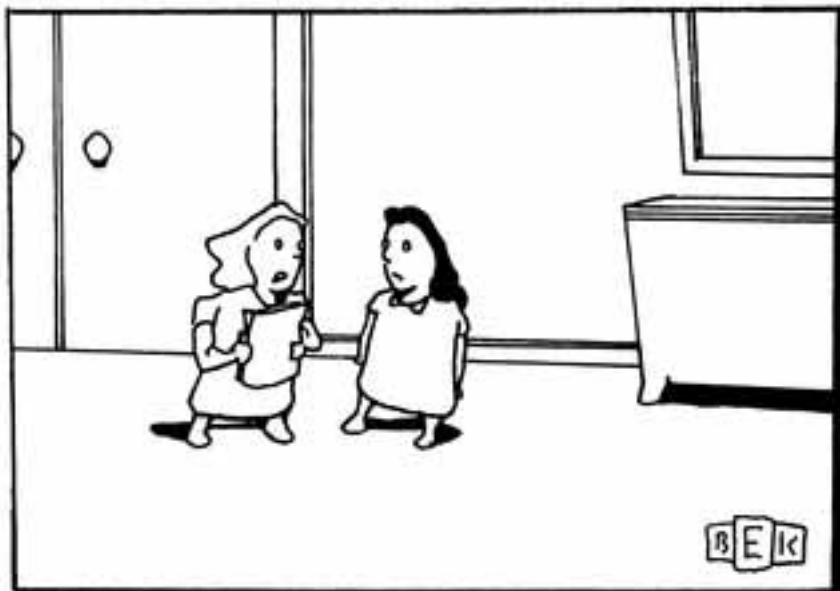


"I've read another sixty-two pages. Time to turn over."





“Yes, I have the new Mailer. Loved the heft.”



*“You know, it’s a picture book. Needless to say,
it doesn’t have a lot of narrative scope.”*





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CHENEY

THE JEANS OF DORIAN GRAY



“God, I’ll be glad when his genius grant runs out.”



"I lost the spelling bee on the word 'gangsta.'"



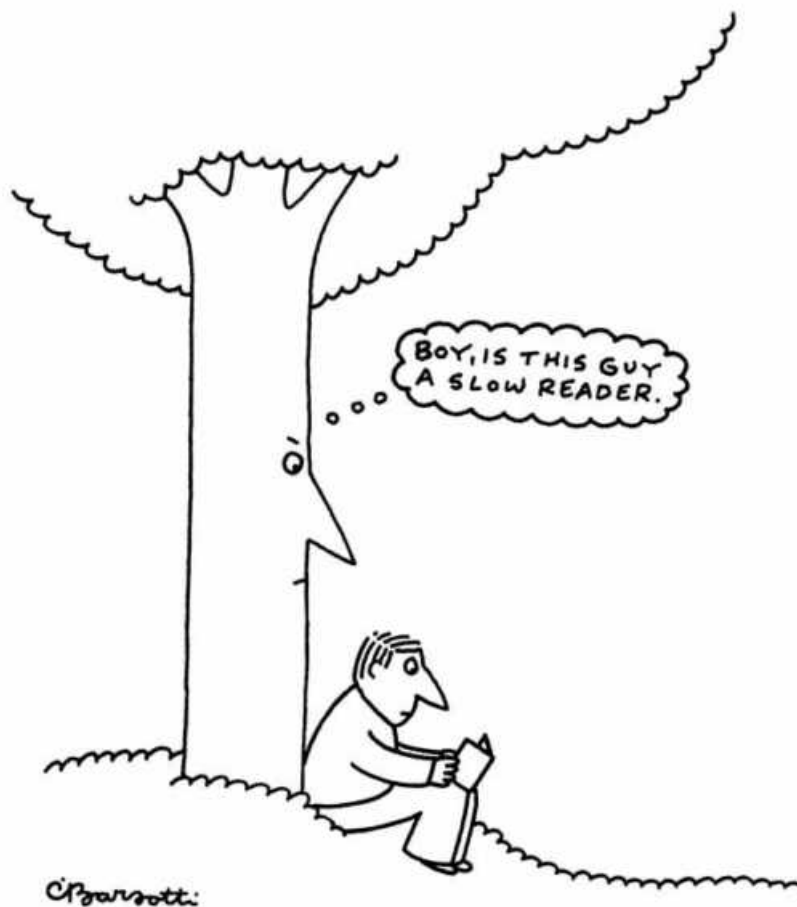


"Get me rewrite!"



“Professor Roche has just won the coveted New York State Lottery.”







"It's deliciously trashy."



“How’s this? ‘Quoth the Raven, Nevermore, unquoth.’”



"I'm looking for a good LaGuardia-to-Logan-length thriller."





"You'll love it! It's a tale told by an idiot."



"Peter is completely fictitious, but he's extremely well written."



“... and they lived intensely ever after.”



“Take away his brilliant prose, and he’s just some depressed guy.”



“Stop paraphrasing and get on with your own life!”





"This is a hell of a way to start a magazine."



“More port for Dr. Johnson. And more ink for Mr. Boswell.”



*“That one good novel I thought I had in me
turned out to be a hormonal imbalance.”*





"Today, we examined our life styles, we evaluated our diet and our exercise program, and we also assessed our behavioral patterns. Then we felt we needed a drink."



"I'm spending the day with my aging parents."





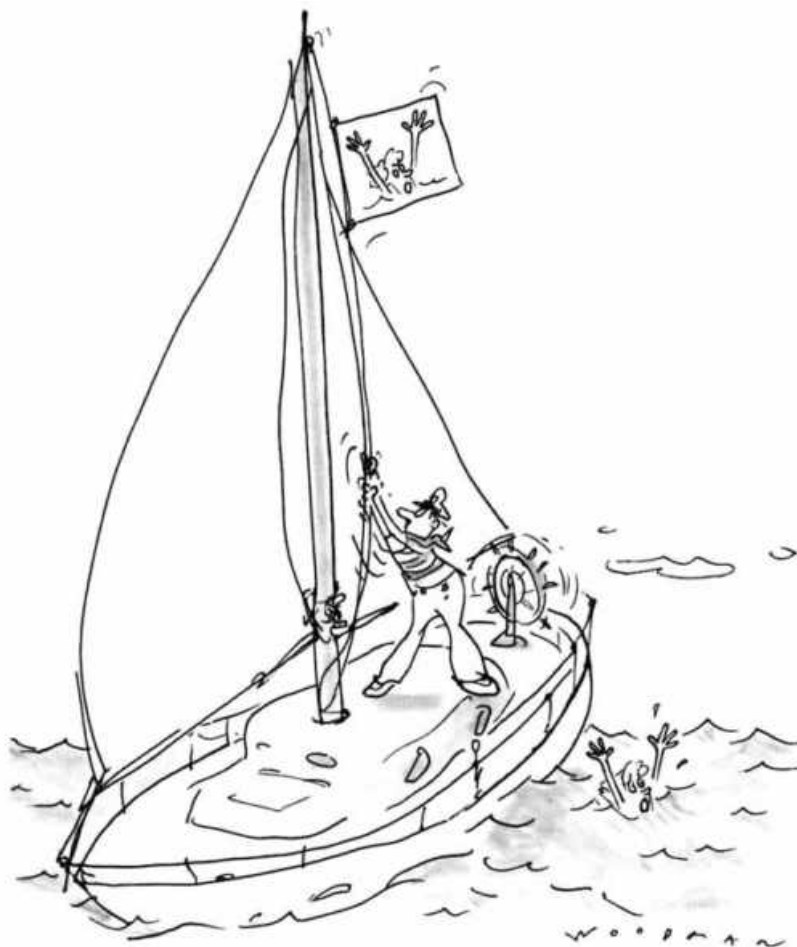
“This year the run in Pamplona is for a good cause—anthrax.”



"The penicillin looks good."



*"For God's sake, Ms. Williams, can't you see
it's some kind of takeover? Call my attorneys!"*





"Your constant cries to cut the pork sadden me, Senator."



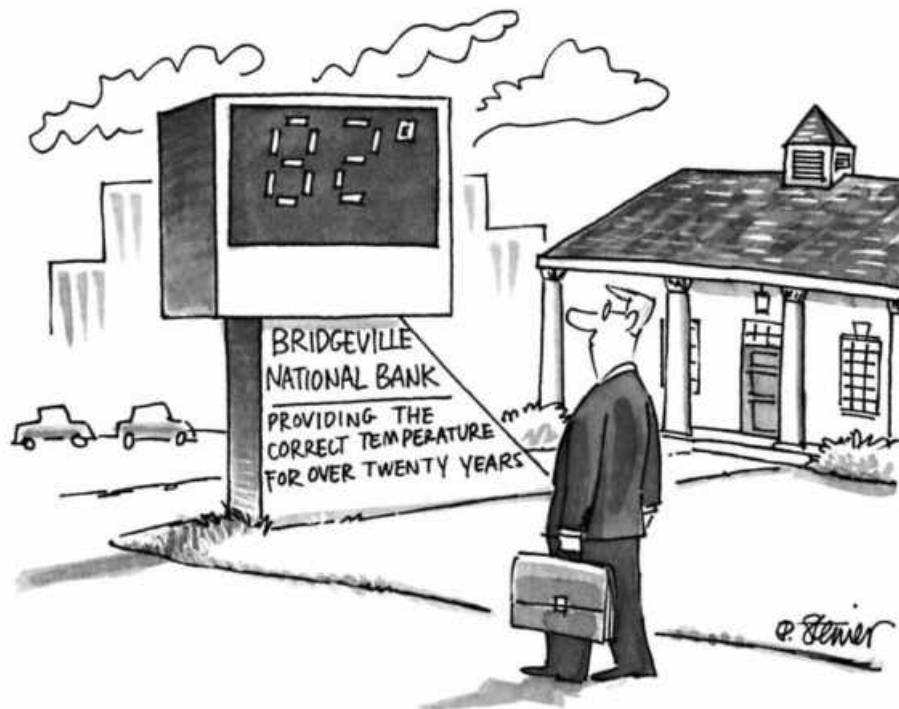
"Gee, I'd love to, but that's the weekend my father gets me."



“Chad is doing product placement on the Simpson trial.”



“Are we interested in exploring the healing wisdom of an ancient culture?”

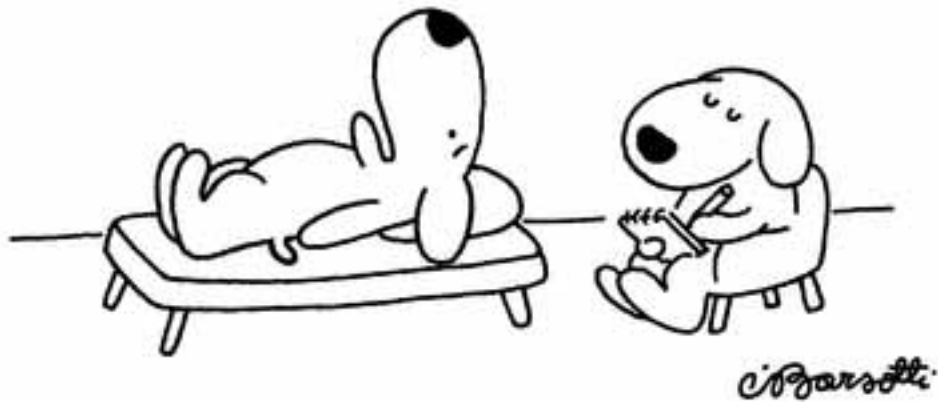




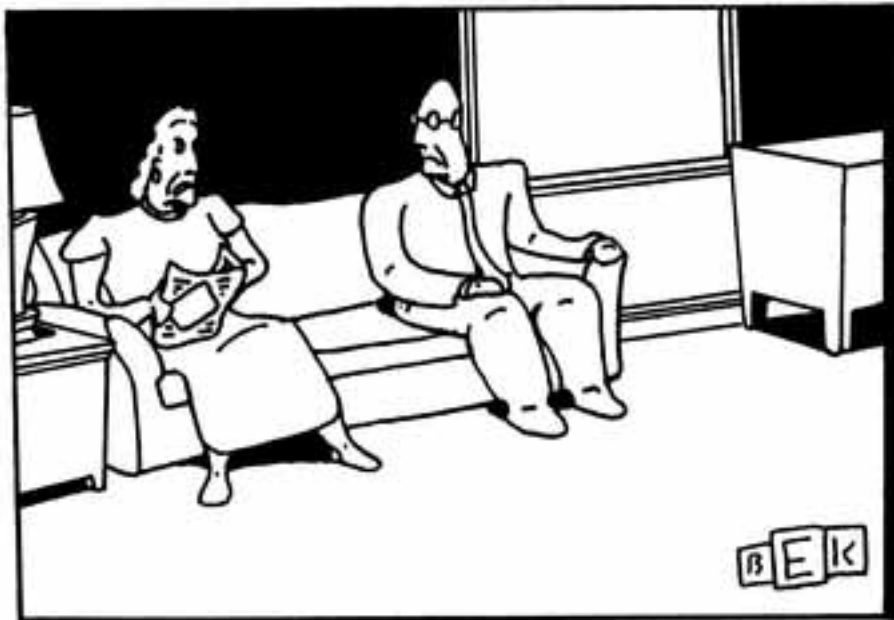
"Small Caesar salad?"



"But I'm accustomed to captivity. I wouldn't survive a day in the wild."



"They moved my bowl."



"In case you hadn't noticed, I stopped being your kumquat years ago."



“Hey, buddy, wouldn’t the Grand Canal be faster?”







Why no raise? Because, Fellman, we've been fiscally feckless."



"Just ignore them. They're summer people."

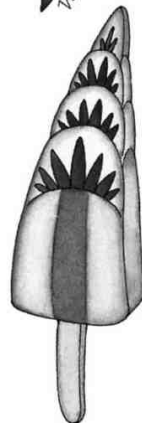






"Oh, for butter curls on ice!"

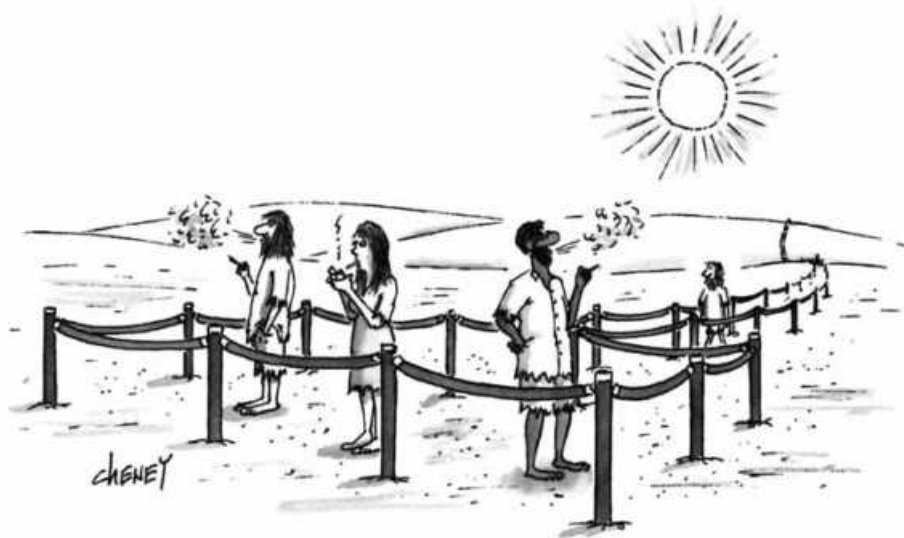
*Good Humor Landmarks
by Andrea Arroyo*



Strawberry Almond Deco



"Welcome to our first dress-down Sunday."





"Sweetheart, Scott and I want you to be our best man."



"Not you, too!"



"I've seen things a dog's not supposed to see."





“And would you be performing the actual surgery?”





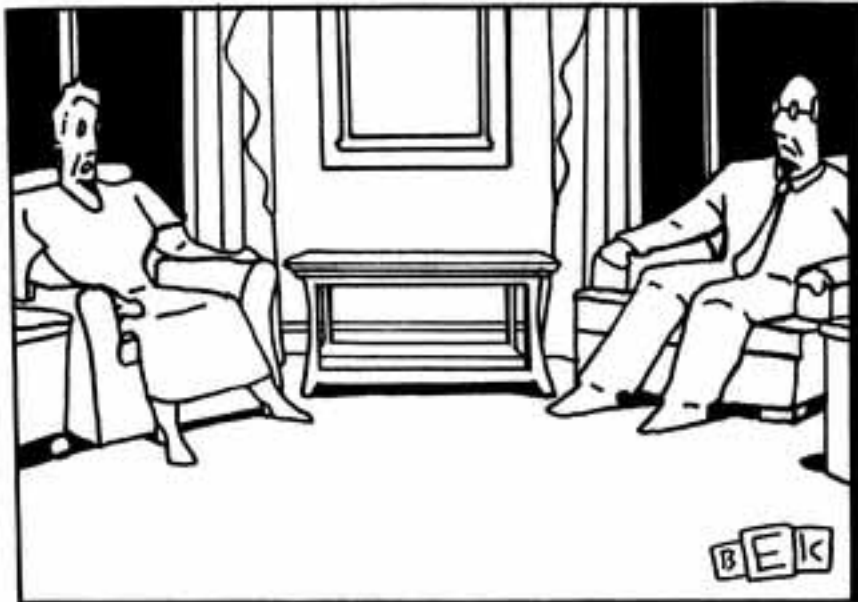
"The male in me finds you attractive."



“Oh, by the way, do you have any money? Will you send me any money? Do you know anyone who has any money? Will they send me any money?”



"Med school was a blast."



"In the last few years, the conversation has dipped below subsistence level."



"Not much to look at, but it was a real bargain at Gene Depot."



"Jake, we women find your lyrics cruel, demeaning, and uncool."



“The jury’s still out on Marvin, but I’m running out of alternates.”





"I understand the sex scenes have been removed but the balanced-budget and term-limits scenes have been left in."



"I tried being myself, but it wasn't getting me anywhere."

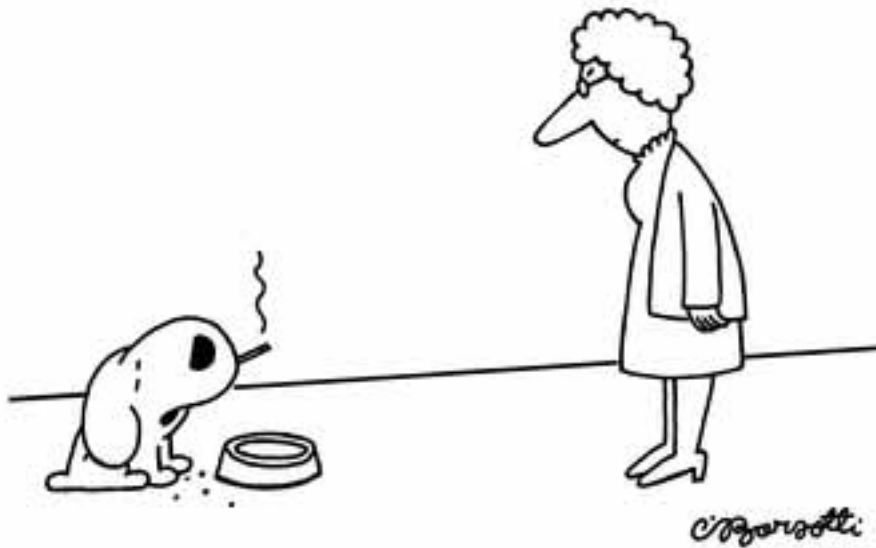




*"As I told Amy, I'm straight as the Kansas interstate.
I just want to wear dresses for a while."*



*"I thought it would be appropriate to have
a band playing as we went down."*



"So call the smoke police."



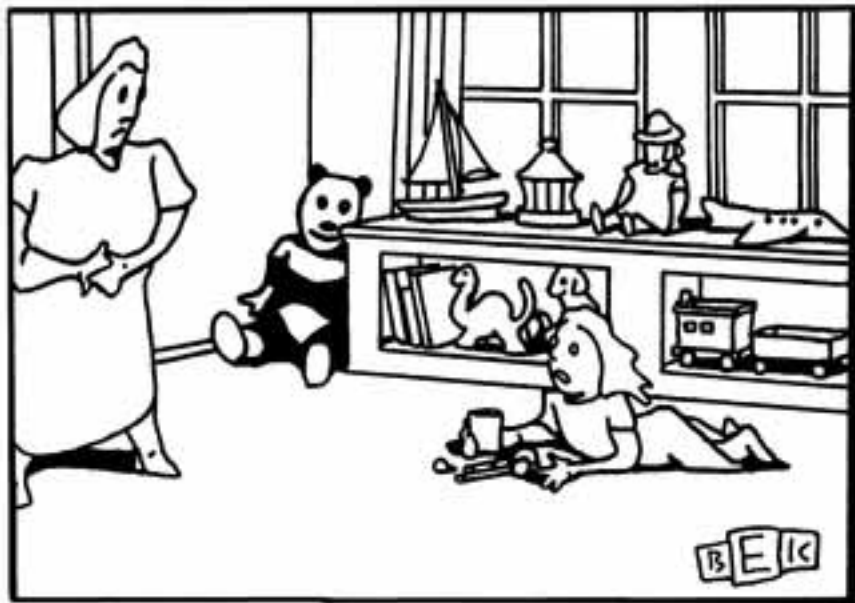




"I was going to fax you, but then I decided you needed a human voice."







"I have so much I want to express, but when I try to put it into Play-Doh it never comes out right."



"Everything's so easy for you, Mr. Perfect."



"Who's taking my order—the committee of the whole, or is there a liaison for decaf?"



"So—how long have you lived in New York?"



“Of course, the money’s good, but it’s the teeth that keep me coming back.”



*"I'm going to ask the jury to hold its applause
until all the evidence has been introduced."*



*"What I'd like to know, gentlemen, is how
the hell we missed the boat on gangsta rap."*



"When I started here, it was all Beatrix Potter."



"I have to go home now. My parents are having dinner guests and they want to showcase me at seven."



*"On a personal note, my wife, Ann, and I have agreed to separate,
as I've fallen in love with the sound of my own voice."*



"It's the loony bin. They want to know if you're coming back."



“Hey, you’ve still got a job and I still get my can of food every night—what’s all the whining about?”



"I'm not in one of my moods. I'm in one of your moods."



"So how's the family? Still disintegrating?"





"A good day to you, sir, and might the cow of the house be in?"



"This one looks hot. Their big advertiser pulled out."



*"You've been around here longer than I have.
What are 'congressional ethics'?"*



"Josephine, my man!"



"There's still something about a Yalie-Smithie wedding that gives me major goose bumps."





“Rest assured, society will always prefer B-2 bombers.”



"It's always poor you, isn't it, Albert?"





"The Presidency? By all means, go for it!"





"You'll like it here—we're a pretty disobedient bunch."



“And now we’re pleased to present to you the monarchical stylings of His Majesty King Gustaf.”



"I saw Yerkow yesterday. He says, 'How ya doin', Leon?' I says, 'Just fine, Yerkow, how you doin'?' He says, 'Doin' fine, how's the wife?' I says, 'She's doin' just fine, how's your wife?' He says, 'She's doin' fine.' I says, 'Sure good to see you doin' fine, Yerkow.' Yerkow says, 'Yeh, Leon, good to see you doin' so fine, too.'"



"After I won, I came all unglued."



"I find it a bit awkward dating again at forty-five."



"Yikes!"



"Waiter! There are extreme-right-wing elements in my soup!"



"Everything I have, son, I have because your grandfather left it to me. I see now that that was a bad thing."



“And will you, Arthur, love, honor, and agree with Martha that Sean Connery’s James Bond was the best James Bond?”



“Wait! Come back! I was just kidding about wanting to be happy.”



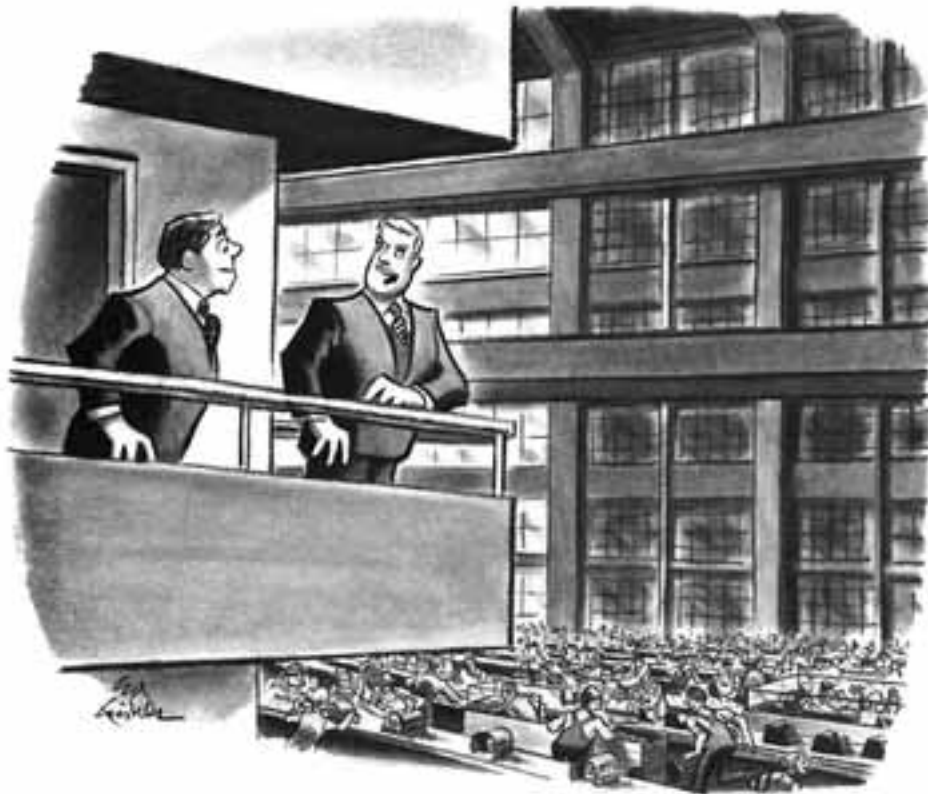
"No, we don't have a TV, but we do have a news team."



"Wow, right out of Central Casting!"



"I never think about cholesterol when I'm on vacation."



"Productivity is up nine per cent since I made everyone a vice-president."



"Where is Madison Avenue? You might well ask."







"It's not in stock, but I can have it written."



*"I'm sorry, Your Honor, but I just don't have
the time right now to go to prison."*



*"Very nice, but I understood there were
to be bizarre sexual experiments."*



1995 ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS *for* FAT MICE

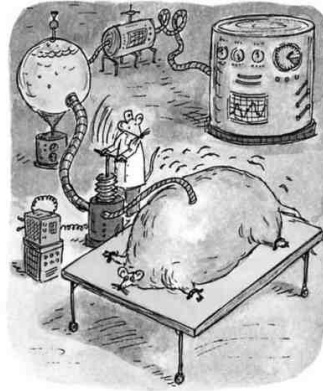
Many mice have simply changed their wardrobes.



Some have found hypnosis to be a helpful dieting aid.

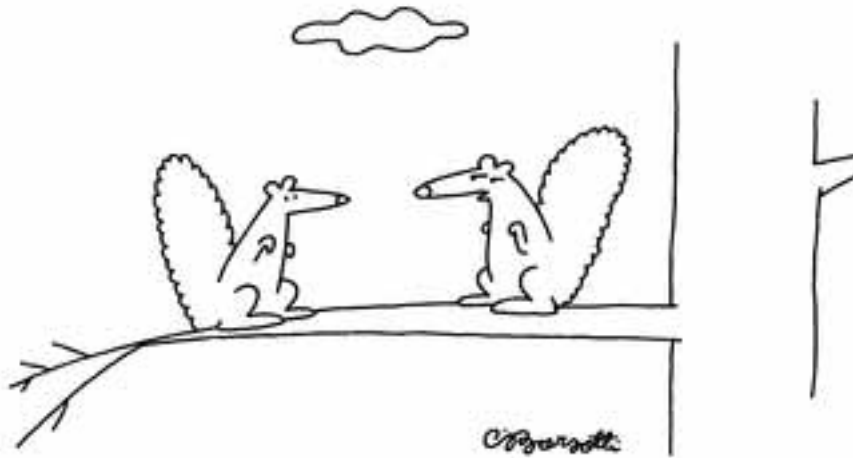


For others, liposuction is the only way to shed unwanted pounds.



For a long-term solution, however, most will have to revamp their life styles.





*“Do you think it’s an accident of history that
Freemasons live in houses and we live in trees?”*



"Have your people get in touch with my people."



"Can't you introduce me without its sounding like flap copy?"



"Well, I suppose we really should be getting back to our attorneys."





Charles Barsotti

"Oh my, everybody you mentioned would make a great President."



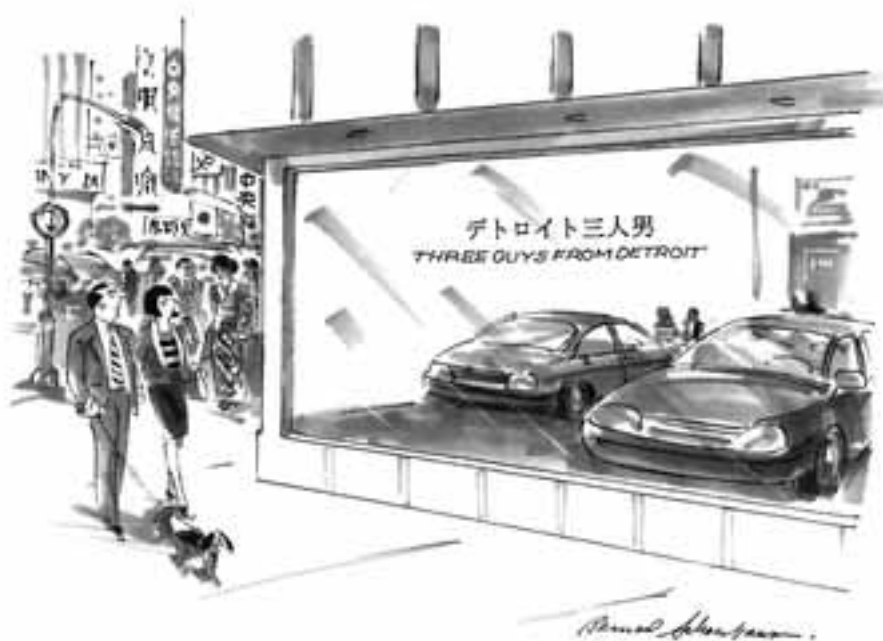
“What are your plans? Are you always going to be like this?”



“Actually, there’s kind of a cute story behind that divorce.”



"It's a guy thing."



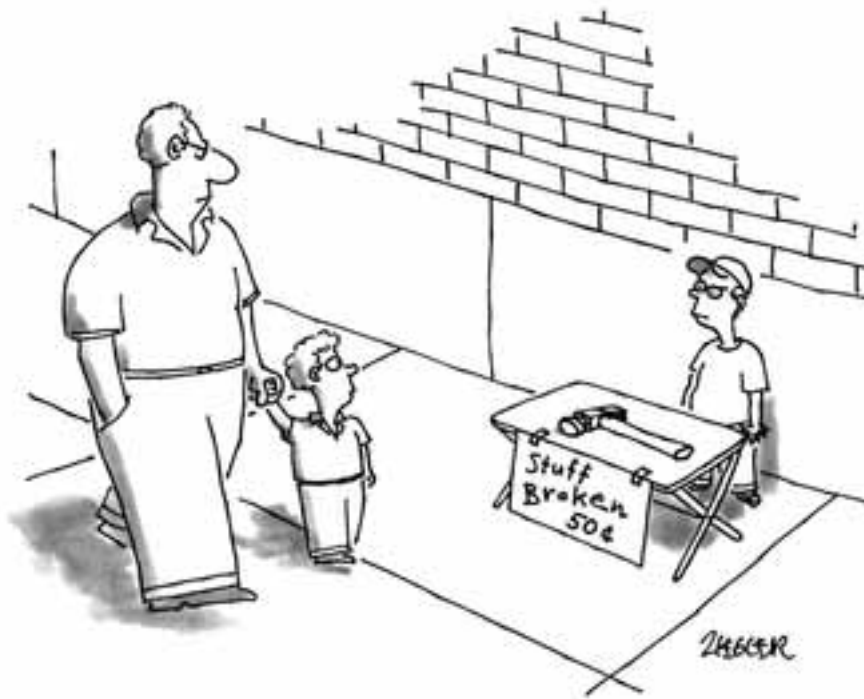


*"Is he guilty? Hell, yes, he's guilty.
Now can we talk about something else?"*





"Newt Gingrich called, but he just wanted to rattle your cage."





“Look, it’s silly for you to come home from work miserable every day. Why don’t you just stay there?”



"Adolescence can be a very trying time, Mr. Alcorn."



"We just haven't been flapping them hard enough."



*"I just want you to know, Mr. Blenner, that, like Mike Ovitz,
I don't mind being Number Two."*

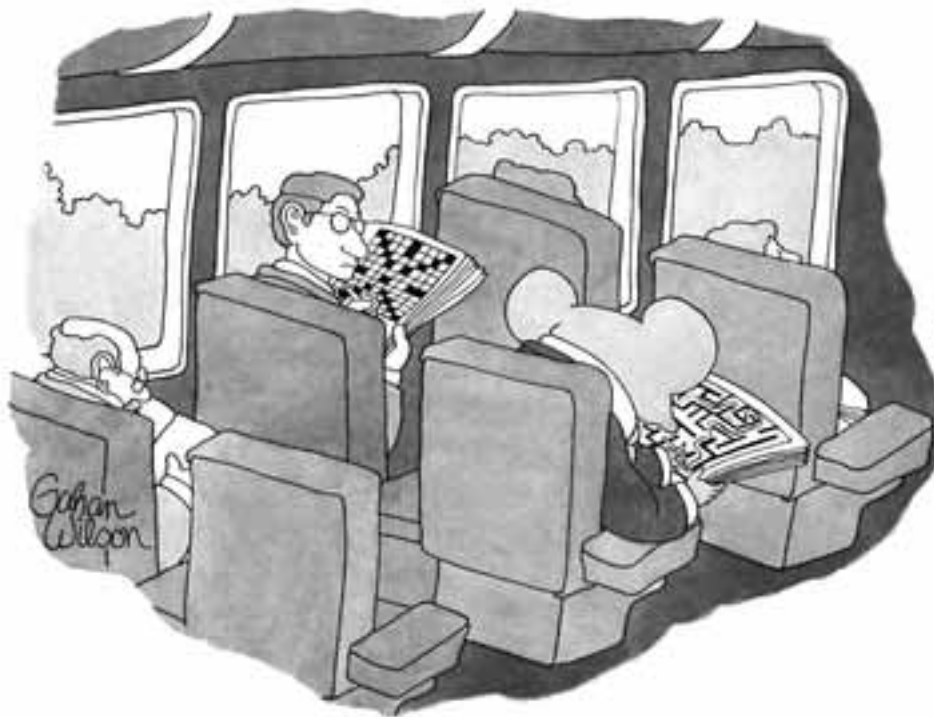


“And when you said that my pesto was the best pesto you ever had and could ever hope to have—was that a lie, too?”

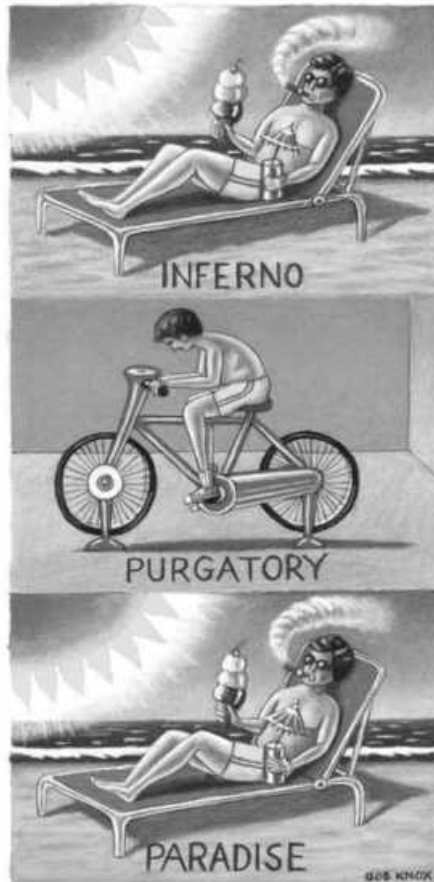


“Must be one of those new Russian mobsters.”





THE DANTE SYNDROME





"Are you in a Miyake or did you just sleep in your dress?"



"I'll want to run a few tests on you, just to cover my ass."



"Come on in, the water's fine."



"I've decided to feed the dog soybeans."



"I'm sorry, Ms. Greer, but I can't function under this kind of scrutiny."



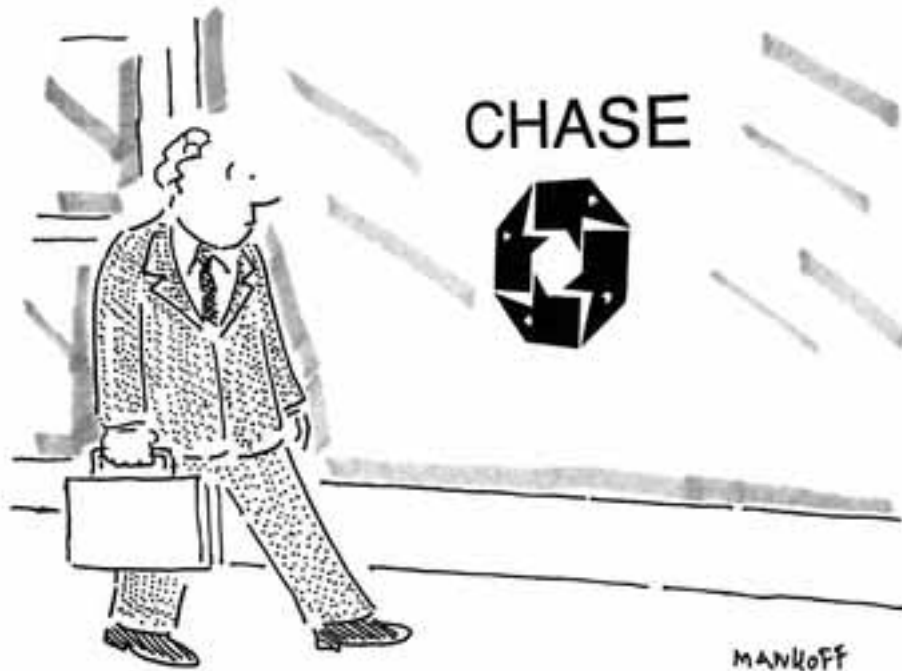
*"The irony is, I'm that rare individual
who really could have handled success."*



“Now here’s my co-anchor, Nancy, with a conflicting account of that very same story.”



“Chief, I’d like a four-year sabbatical to prepare for the millennium.”





"Listen, you're no picnic, either."



“What say we move you out of H.M.O.s and put you into body parts?”







"My parents couldn't come, so I brought two of my backers."



"I think I'll head back to the house for a little Net-sex and a nap."

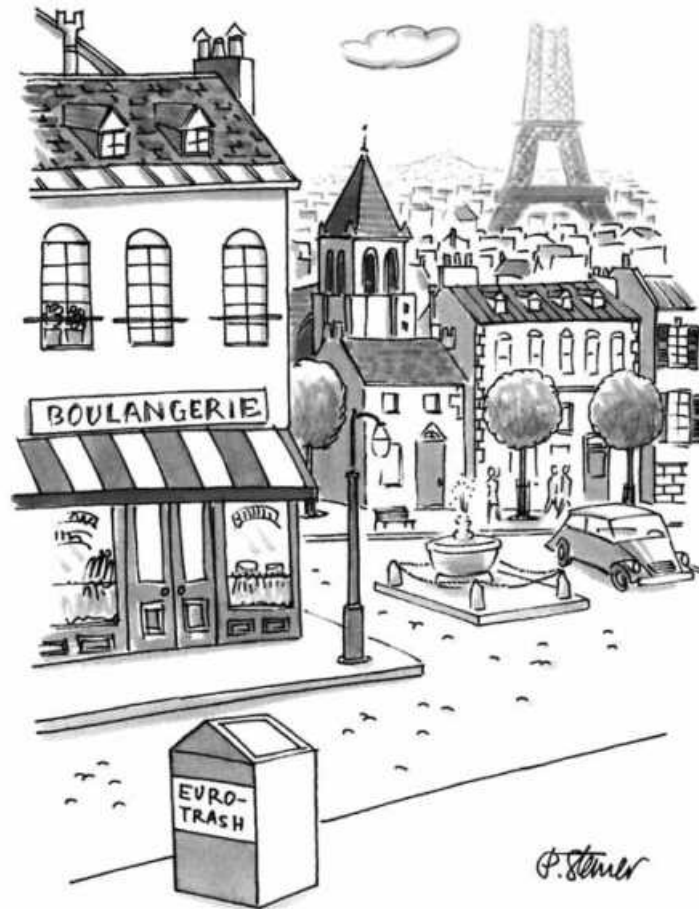


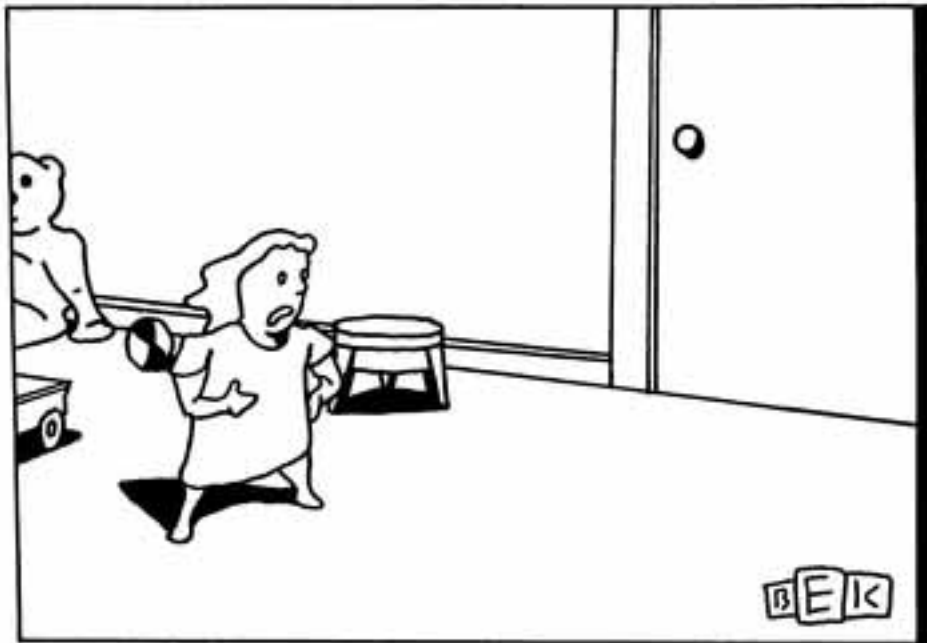


*"Words on paper, Ted. Just give us words on paper.
Our advertising people will do the rest."*



"I thought I saw you by the lake this morning, but it was a stick."





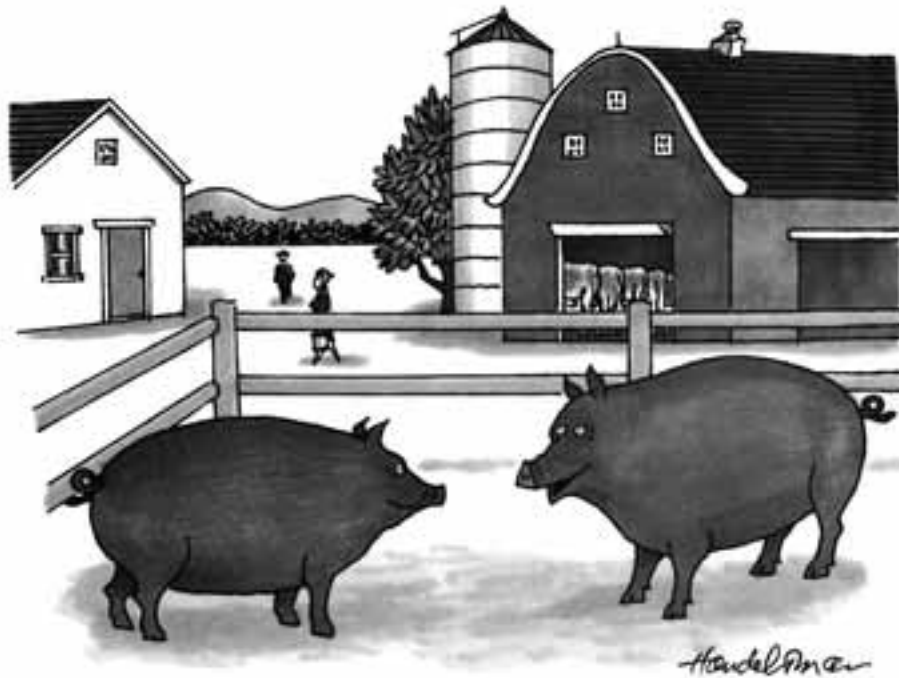
"Where were you when I needed an imaginary friend?"



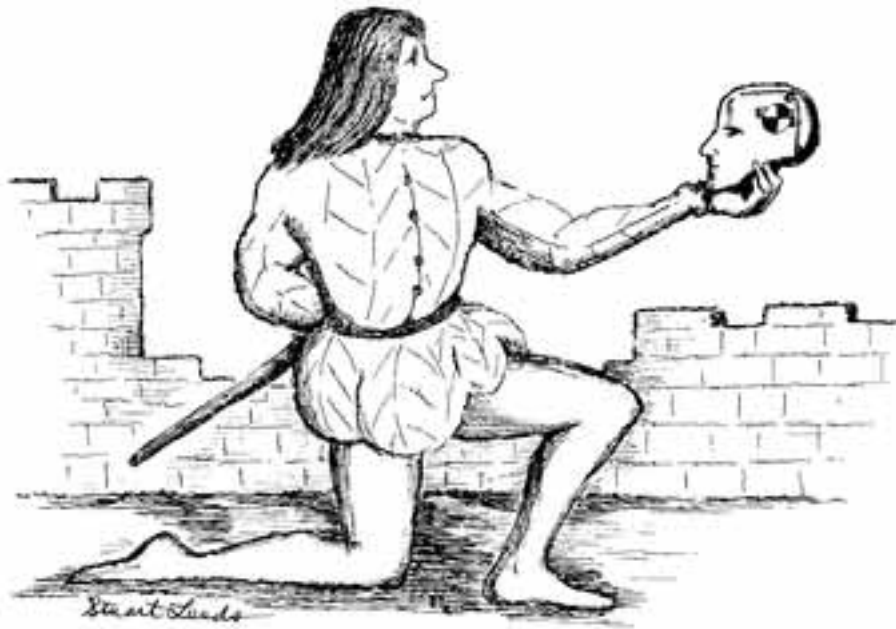
"And then she slapped my face, injuring my beard."



"I'm tired of being sensitive. I want to be an oaf again."



"I really enjoyed my last life. When I spoke, Hollywood trembled."





"I thought you said you were just passing through."



“Actually, the first name was easy. It’s her last name we’re battling about.”

ON THE FAST TRACK





"You can go in now."



“For goodness’ sake, rest in peace!”



"I wish I had the funding to really say something."



*“Of course I’m down. I’m thirty-five
years old and I’ve never run a studio.”*



"Hey, feel free to tell me anything—I'm an ex-priest."



"It's not mailmen per se. I'm just very anti-government these days."



"You've always stuck to the prix fixe in life."



"I've never been what you'd call an 'ethics head.'"



"Anything on women of pre-childbearing age?"

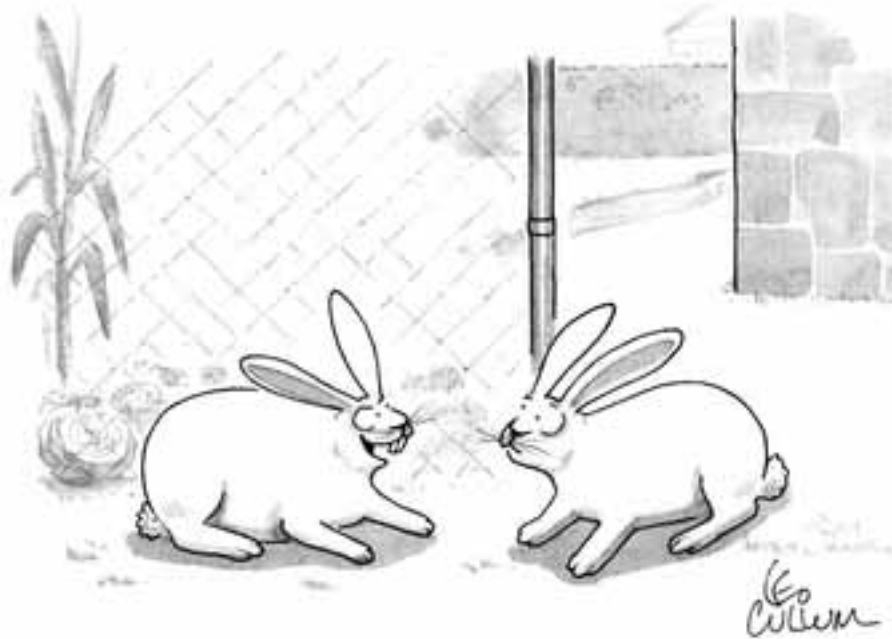


"Hate to bother you, but are you getting our supertitles for 'Rigoletto'?"



“Hi. I’m, I’m, I’m . . . You’ll have to forgive me, I’m terrible with names.”



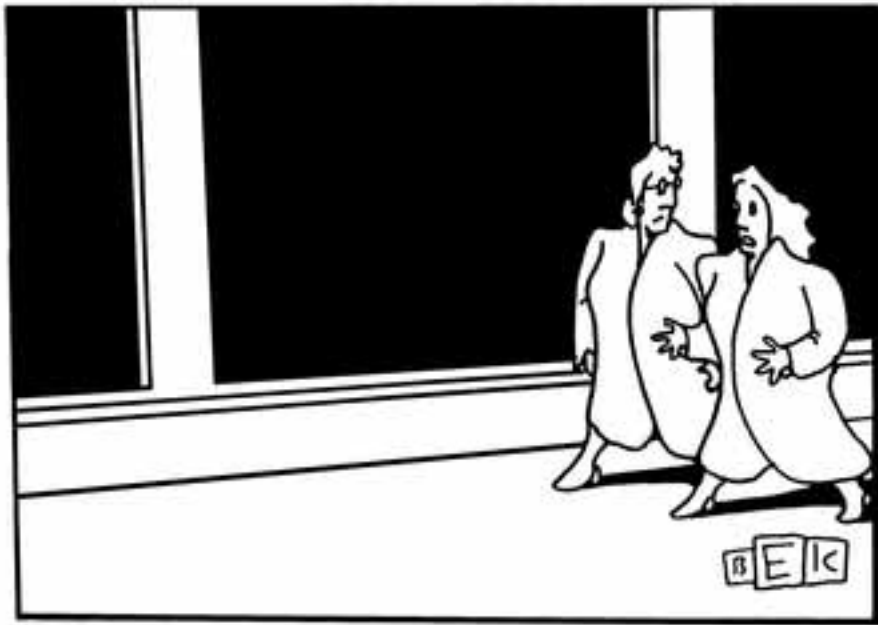


*"The entire time you were talking to Marissa
you had a piece of spinach between your teeth."*





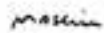
"Mind if I smoke?"



"I want to be saved, but at the same time I want to be spent."

THE CURRENT NEW YORK
SPORTS EMOTIONAL INDEX





“Miss Finch, my attorney has advised me that I’m not obligated to address the question of what I did on my summer vacation. Nonetheless, I would like to respond.”



“Most of all, he’ll be remembered for his irrepressible spirit.”



*"Look, I'm doing a little me-time right now.
Why don't you go ahead and do a little you-time,
and then I'll be over at eight for a little us-time."*



"Do you want the loan to go or will you spend it here?"



"You're doing a good job, Davis, but it's come to my attention that you're a fugitive from a chain gang."



"You wouldn't understand, Howard. It's a reality thing."



“Why would I want to watch ‘Central Park West’ when I’m living it?”



"I was on the cutting edge. I pushed the envelope. I did the heavy lifting. I was the rainmaker. Then I ran out of metaphors."



"You don't look like you need bread crumbs."





"I knew it was love when I stopped grading him."

NEW FALL LINEUP



"SOMEBODY UP THERE HATES MY GUTS" ●

A COMEDY ABOUT A CHICAGO ATTORNEY FACING DISBARMENT, A CORONARY BYPASS, AND OTHER TRIALS, WHICH INCLUDE LEARNING THAT HIS PARTNER, AND BEST FRIEND IS A MIMBLIGHTING DRAG-QUEEN BELIEVED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO BE MUSSOLINI'S LOVE CHILD.



"BONE ALONE" ●

A SITCOM ABOUT A PUCKISH DALMATIAN NAMED SPOT THING WHO IS LEFT TO AMUSE HIMSELF IN A CANDY-CRAMMED, CRAMPED EAST VILLAGE APARTMENT WHILE SIXTY-SOMETHING PERFORMANCE ARTISTS LEIF AND LEAH SCOUR THE CITY FOR CANINE OBEDIENCE MANUALS.



"JEFFS" ▲

FOUR MEN, ALL GOING THROUGH HIDEOUS DIVORCES, WHO DIVERT THEMSELVES BY FISHING, GOLFING, BOWLING, AND EXPLORING THE LIMITS OF THEIR LATENT HOMOSEXUALITY.



"BACK IT UP" ●

A TRIO OF CYNICAL SANITATION WORKERS - MISCRACKING, HOMOPHOBIC, DELINQUENT DADS - IN, ON, AND AROUND A HUGE DUMP TRUCK ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE AT 4 A.M.



"PLANET DAMMIT" ●

A WRY LOOK AT INTERSTELLAR NEUROTICS WHO ROAM THE GALAXY IN 2121 SEARCHING FOR SHAKER FURNITURE.



"NOBODY GETS OUT ALIVE" ▲

A PRIME-TIME SOAP STARRING EDWARD HERRMANN AS THE PATRIARCH OF A POWERFUL SAN FRANCISCO FAMILY WITH MONONUCLEOSIS.

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*"It's not that we had more fun before we got married—it's just
that now we're having a different kind of fun."*



*"I believe the doughnuts were planted in
my squad car in an effort to discredit me."*



"I am forsaking all others, but these things take time."

SKETCHBOOK BY WILLIAM STEIG
THE MASTER'S HAND





"Sorry I'm late, boss. I hit a deer and had to make it look like an accident."

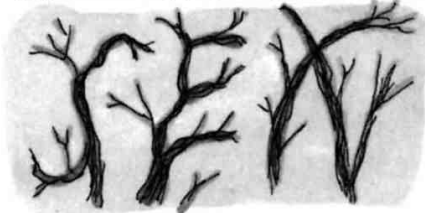




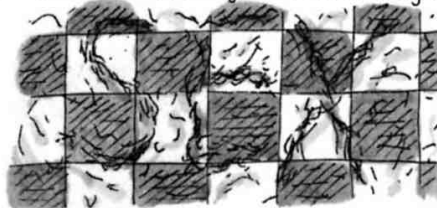
*"I've been thinking it over, Tom, and I've concluded
that there's no room in this family for two people."*

SIGHTINGS REPORTED TO AMERICANS for DECENCY

Tree branches; Bob-o-Link, Nebraska



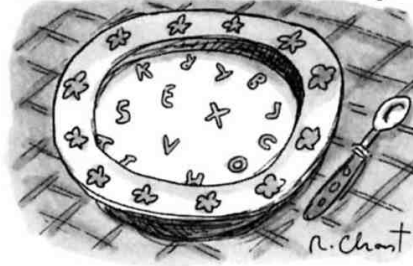
Linoleum; Blodgett Cliffs, Oregon



Reproduction of a Jackson Pollock painting; Blim, Ohio



Cereal bowl; Happytown, Georgia





"What I wouldn't give to be young and deregulated right about now."



*“Don’t stop now! I want to talk
about your feelings all night.”*





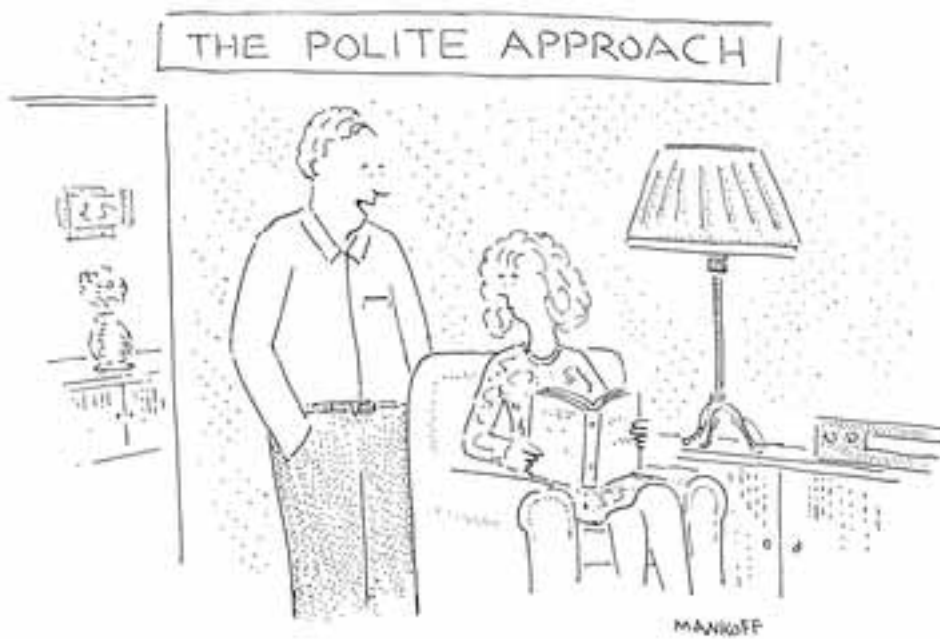


"You're at the top of the list, Mr. Stewart, and you'll be immediately notified the moment there's an available womb for you to crawl back into."





“How come only lawyers get to object?”



"Can I trouble you for a sexual favor?"



"You're a working dog, so be back early."



"It's refreshing to find someone today who's not angry."



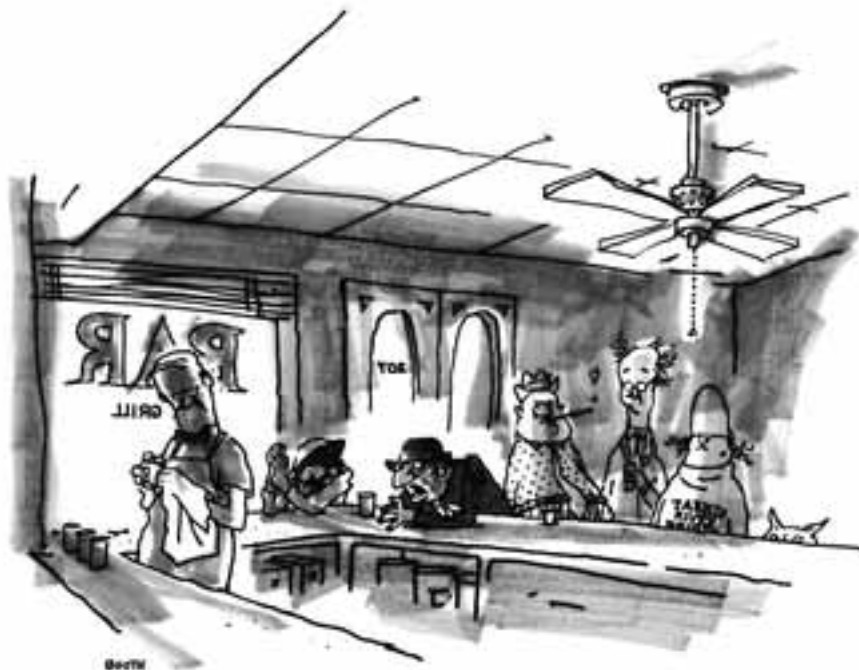
*"I tell you, that federal witness-protection
program did one helluva great job on Eddie."*



*"Something's happened, Doug. I've lost touch
with the Warren Buffett in me."*



"I had a pretty sleazy lawyer, but evidently not sleazy enough."



*"Now, if New York were sunny and bright
like Colorado, then that would be another story."*



"Another case of life imitating art."



*“Of course, that’s just my opinion. Richard Gere’s
views may be somewhat different.”*



“Note the small zipper pocket of your sales kit. It contains a cyanide capsule.”

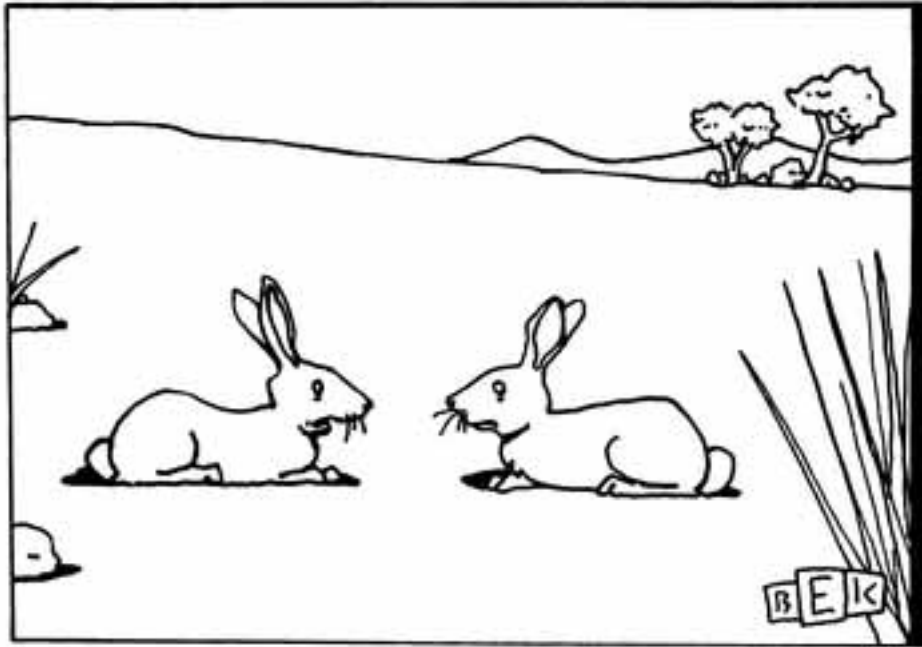




“What the hell was I supposed to do? I’ve been declared!”



*"In your case, 'tis better to have loved and lost
and loved and lost and loved and lost and loved and lost
than never to have loved at all."*



*"Did you ever have one of those days when you felt
you would never be soft and fluffy again?"*



*"The years 1966 through 1995 are blank because
I was on tour with the Grateful Dead."*





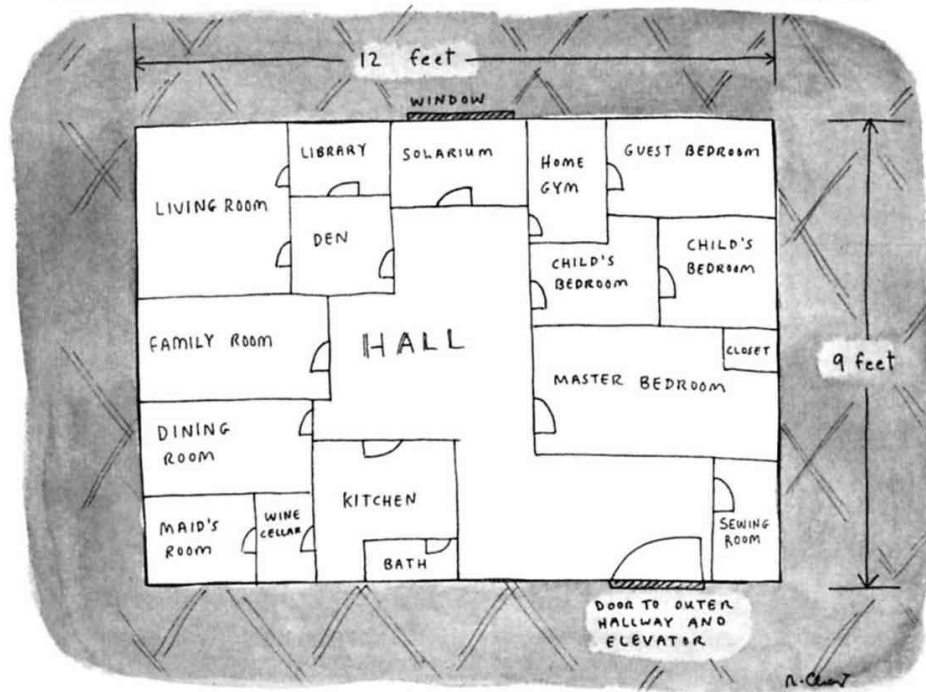


*"I think I'm going to like what I think I'm going
to get to know about Powell."*



"I'm on the range, but I'm not home on the range."

FLOOR PLAN OF STUDIO APARTMENT 8-B

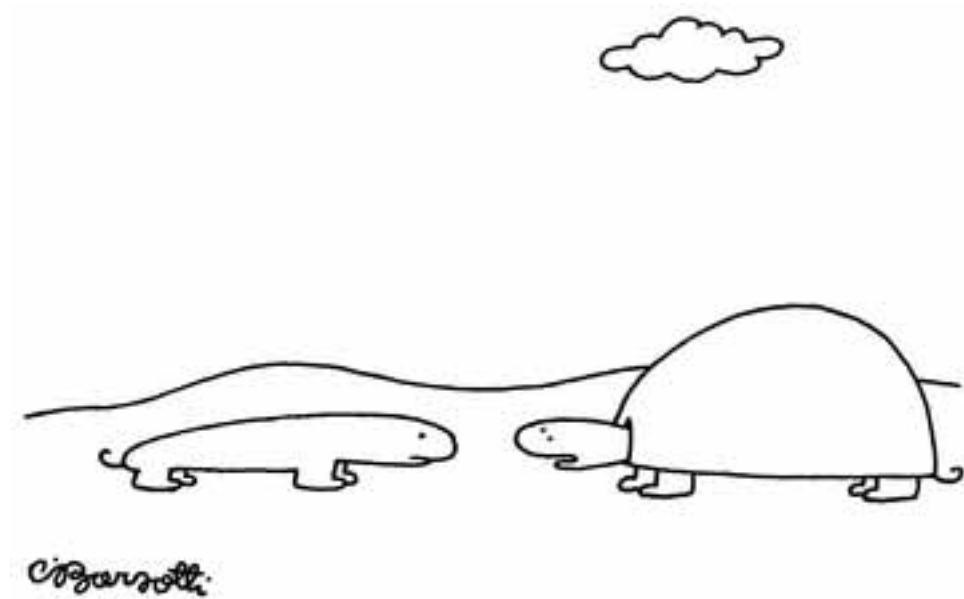




"Hey, I built the nest. You feather it."



*"Sometimes it's as if I didn't know the difference
between what's real and what's trompe-l'oeil."*



"So make me an offer."



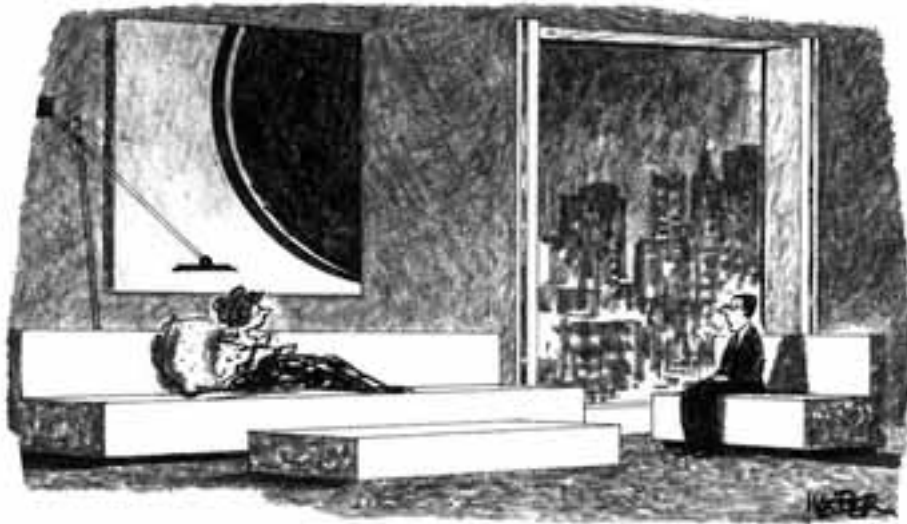
“Oh, Lord! We forgot to invite any content providers.”





*"Someday I'd like to make this into my private study,
but right now it's my wife's private study."*





*“Darling, a rather uncomfortable distance has developed
between me and the furniture.”*





*"A million two does seem a bit heavy for a one-bedroom at first,
but this unit has the best feng-shui in the building."*



"That's his favorite section."



"I thought we'd decided to go with the maple."



"Read all about it! O.J. still not guilty!"

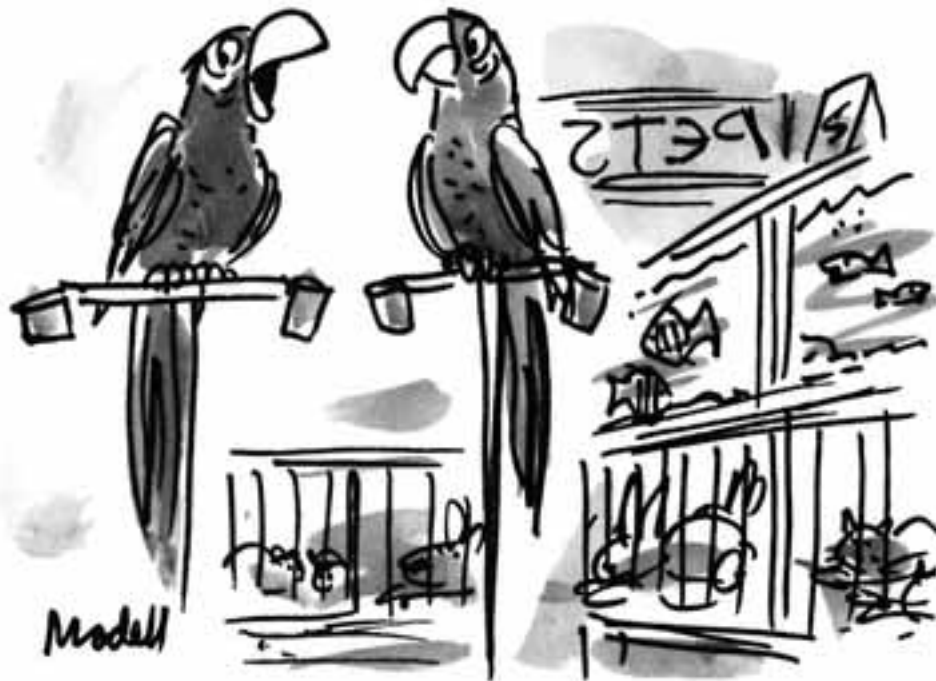




“Fresh-raked leaves?”



"Another decade or so, and it'll be warm enough for us."



"We've got to talk."



"Stop having good ideas for other people."

BLEND SCHOOLS

College of Art and Finance

When you graduate, you'll know exactly what your paintings are worth.



The Academy of Ballet and Refrigeration

Those plié's will come in real handy when replacing a busted Freon tube.



Institute of Charm and Technology

Who's to say you can't master logarithms and the art of ingratiation at the same time?



University of Medicine and Hair

Studies show that patients whose doctors sport attractive coiffures do much, much better.







*“Are we thinking here,
or is this just so much pointing and clicking?”*



"So, we look to the fourth quarter as a time of healing."



*"Why come to me? I'm only a humble doctor.
You should see a health-care provider."*



“My life has been totally screwed up for years, but thus far no one has stepped forward to claim responsibility.”



Charles Barsotti

"Corrupted absolutely—and you?"



“A million men have pledged a new start—but not him!”



“Ulrich, that’s bad science and you know it!”



"Your father thought everything was a big laugh, too."



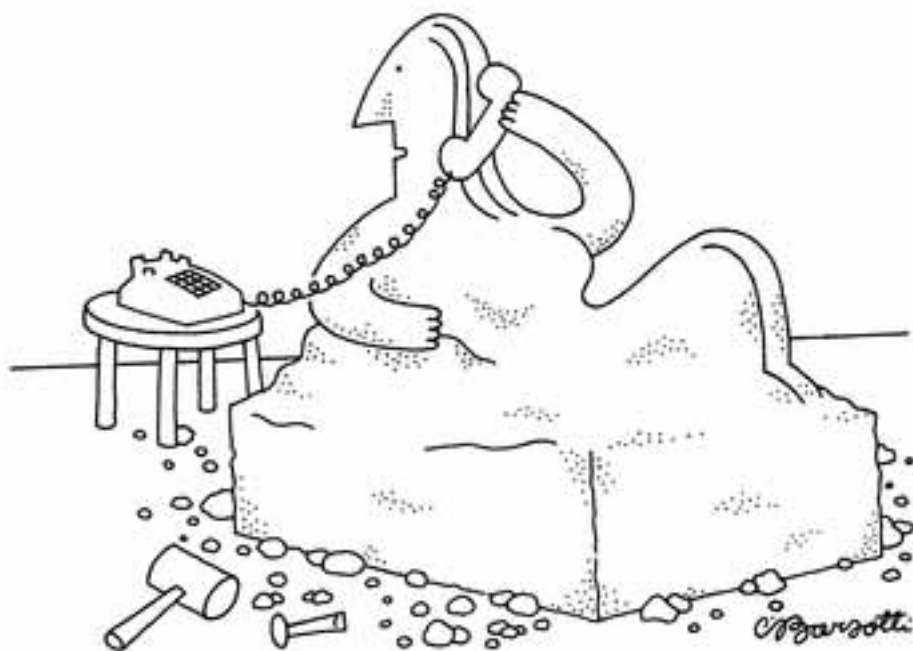
“Another interesting feature of this apartment is the working fireplace.”



"I'll be honest, Raymond. I really don't give a damn about the wetlands."



“Get your polka-dot butt out of my leaves!”



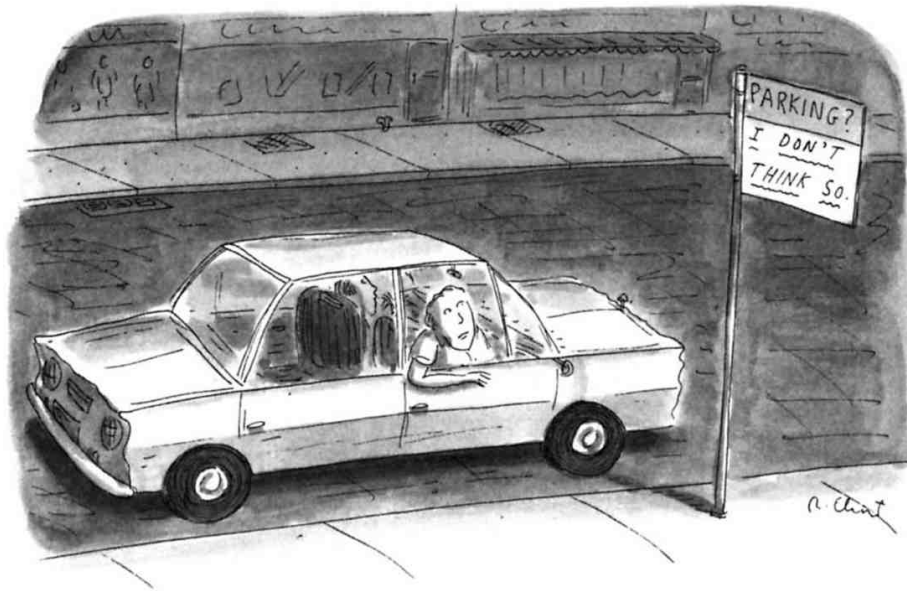
"No, but I can take a message."



*“You’re the only one I know still
calling people ‘Über’ this and ‘Über’ that.”*



“Dearly Besequinned . . .”



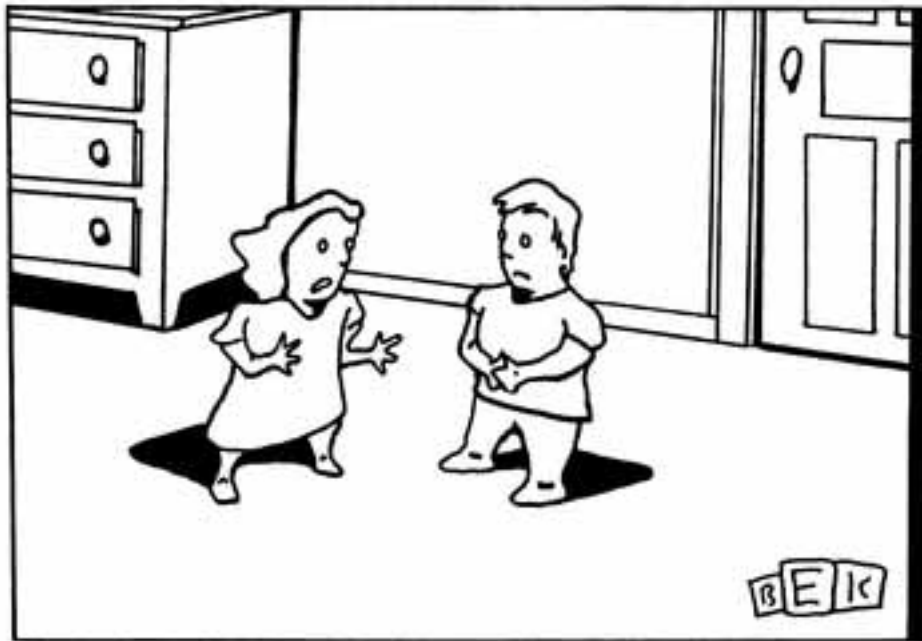


"You've had a stone in your shoe for the last twenty years."



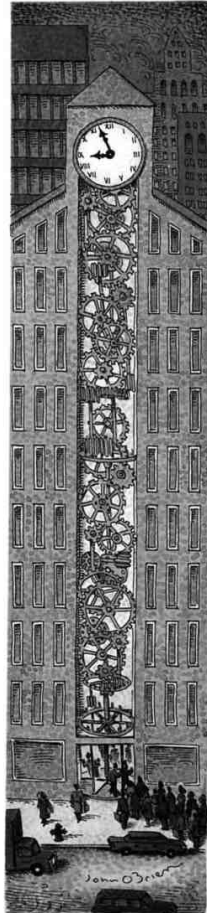


“And, what’s more, the jury was packed with ungulates.”



*"And then, as soon as I had carved out my niche,
they went and had another kid."*





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"It's his favorite time of year."



"I never knew who was who until the other one left."





"No, I like my job. I like my apartment. I like my friends. I like our relationship. I'm just not sure I like what it all adds up to."



“Have you met Amanda—the endless fuse?”





*"I need you, Roberta. Deep inside me there's
a married man aching to get out."*



*“Nice sonata, but it wouldn’t hurt him
to comb his hair and smile now and then.”*



"You better get used to all of me, because you'll never get half."



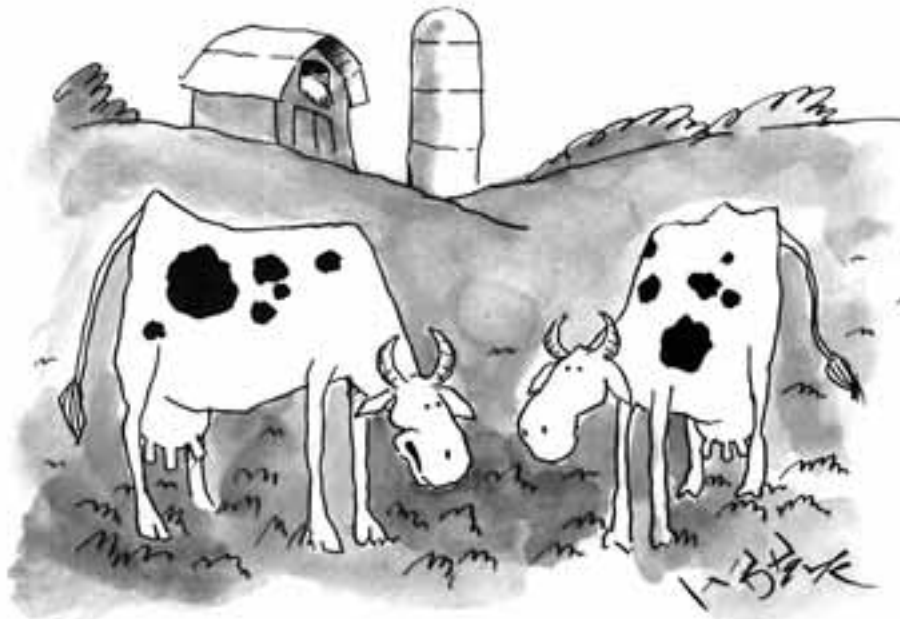
"You are entitled to one call, one fax, or one E-mail."



*"My dad was too much of a babe magnet
for the marriage to have worked."*



"I'm like Gingrich—ten per cent of me wants to be President, but ninety per cent of me is perfectly happy here at Eddie's Bar & Grill."



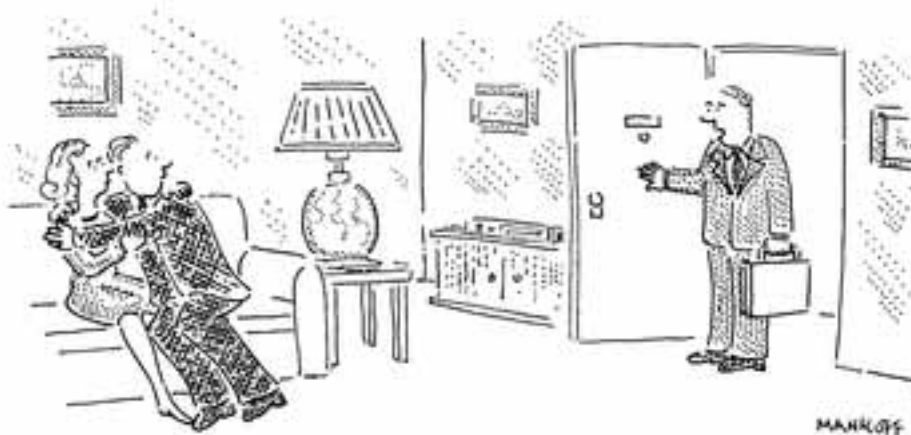
“In the final analysis, it’s all cud.”



"A year ago, that could have been me."



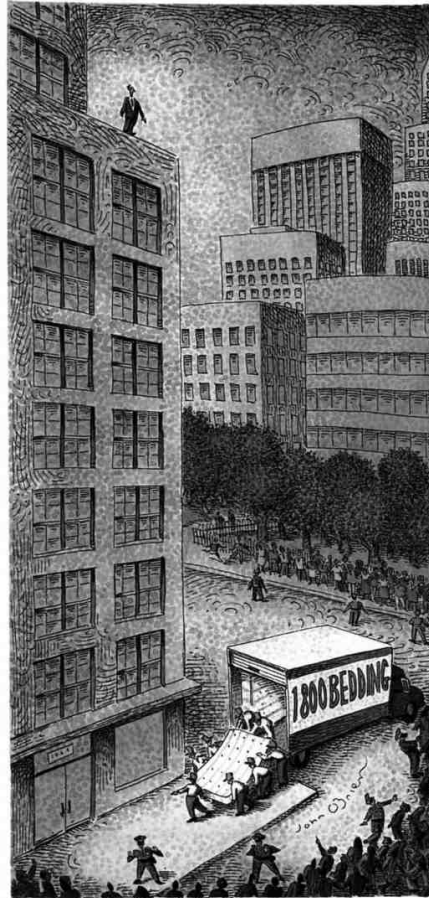
"I wasn't able to find a spot for your material immediately, but I feel certain I'll be able to work it in sometime in the not too distant future, My Lord."



“Well, Elaine, it looks as though we’re not on the same page when it comes to the fidelity issue.”



"Are you in for Tarzan?"





"I'm a little teapot, still."

PLAYING THE YOUTH CARD





"How do you work one of these?"



“Yes, they’re tasty, but you never know where they’ve been.”



*"You may well be from Mars, but the children
and I are still from Westchester."*



“Would you mind stepping outside while we tear your proposal to shreds?”



*"Maybe we should start seeing other
fiscal conservatives with social consciences."*



"Thank you, Nathaniel. I think you, too, are a very scary young lawyer."

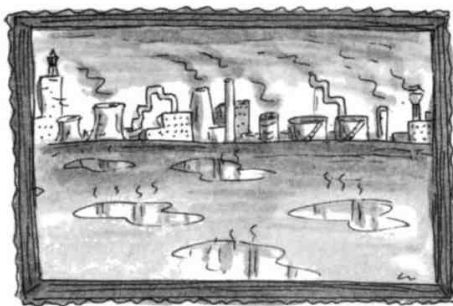
OTHER REMBRANDT MISATTRIBUTIONS



Old Woman with Cellular Phone



Self-Portrait in Oversized-Brim
Baseball Cap



View of Rotterdam

R. Chs



Young Girl at Her Bath



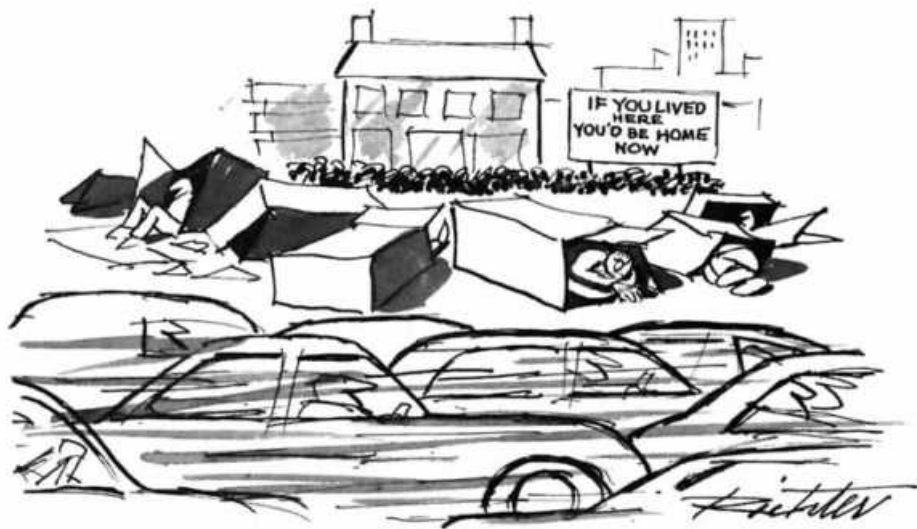
"If it makes you feel better—yes, I am heterocentric."



“Travel is the sherbet between courses of reality.”



*"I wish I could help you. The problem is
that you're too sick for managed care."*



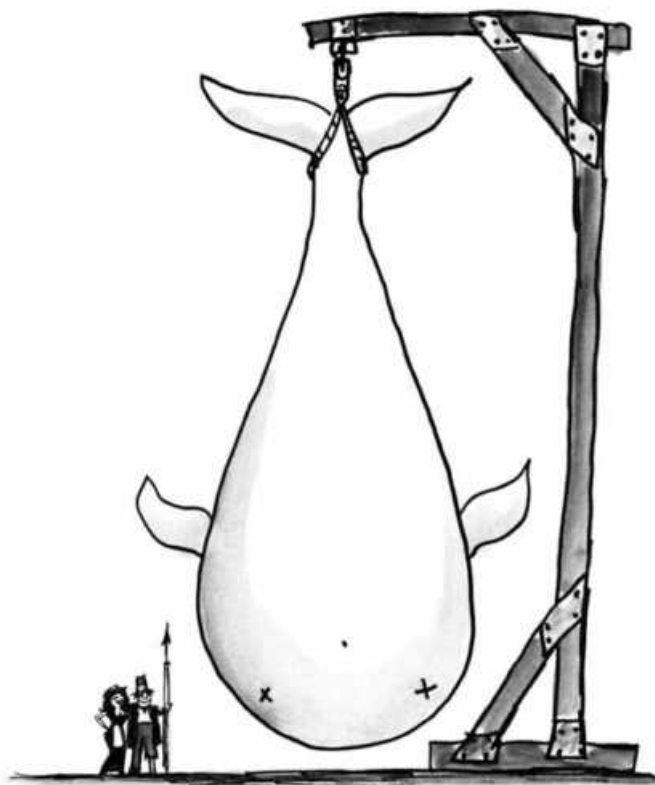


"Hey! This is news."





*"We used to feel your pain,
but that's no longer our policy."*



Moby Dick
The Demi Moore Version

W Miller



“Hey—nice place!”



"No giblets, but there's an organ-donor card."



"Sir, the following paradigm shifts occurred while you were out."

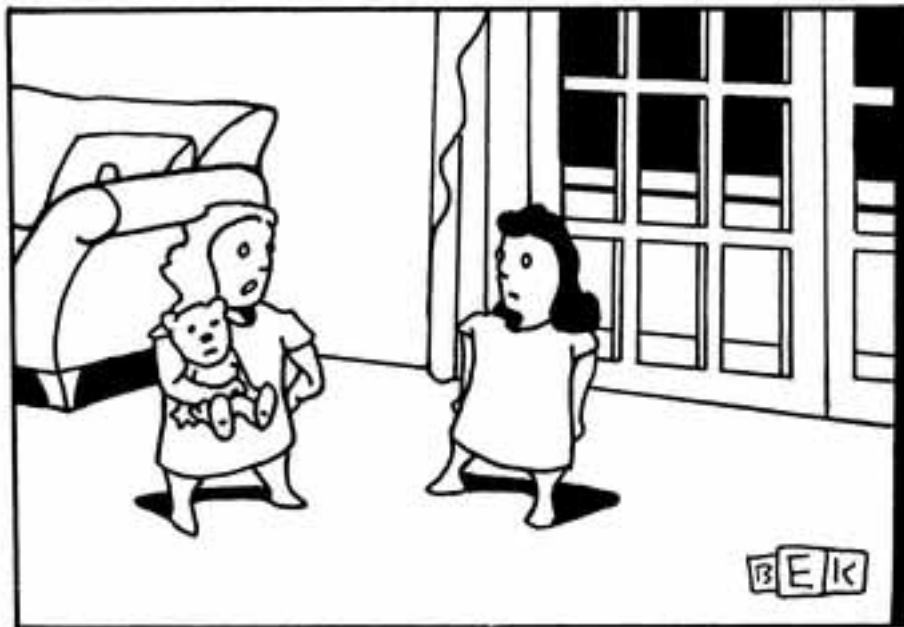


"Apparently, you have very little respect for our judicial system, sauntering in here with only one lawyer."



"Sorry, honey, I can't talk now. I'm in the midst of some very intense negotiations with Bill Gates on the electronic rights to you and the kids."





*"When I bought him, I went for craftsmanship.
Now I wish I had gone for snuggliness."*



"I'd like the Thanksgiving Day Special, on the rocks."



*"I was focussing on the deficit, then I was focussing on Medicare,
but right now I'm focussing on Nicole Kidman."*







"So then Mr. Brewster, who was a cost analyst for an advertising agency, drove his car all the way from Westport, Connecticut, to New York City!"



*"Cheese fondue has gone wherever crêpes Suzette
and tuna Mornay went."*



“Something that dazzles but doesn’t say ‘Forever.’”



*"I don't see the Whitney, but Mary Boone
will send you a Christmas card."*



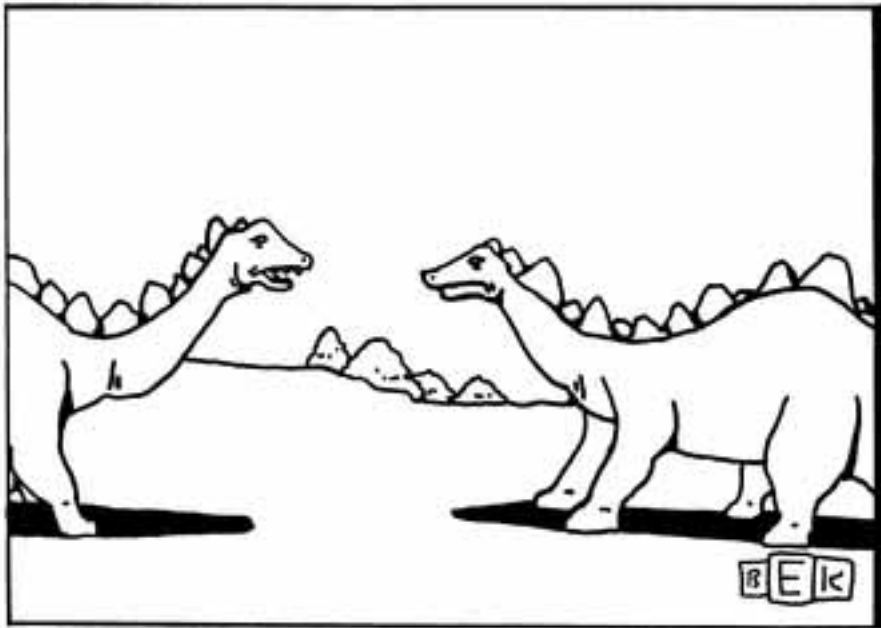
“Mr. Wilkins, I believe that your condition is going to get us both into the Journal of the American Medical Association.”



*"I'm rather fortunate. I have no parents, so Medicare is no problem,
and I have no children, so the environment is no problem."*



"I wish we had tiptoed, not jumped, into wicker."



“Under ‘Occupation’ I usually just put ‘Roam the earth.’”



“Do you realize that that was the first time neither of us was married?”

THE MUSEUM OF GRANT-FREE ART





*“And then I met some computer people
who could make it look as if I were talking.”*





*"We jacked up our prices to insure that you receive
the same quality and service in the future."*



“Your mother and I think it’s time you got a place of your own. We’d like a little time alone before we die.”



"O.K., I'm on my way home."



*“An ‘Irish divorce’ doesn’t have quite
the same ring to it as a ‘Mexican divorce.’”*



"Have you been a moral child?"

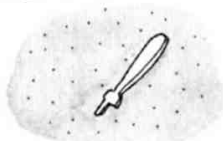


"One of those fish with the eyes on the same side to see you, sir."

A SAMPLING OF

CALVIN KLEIN HOUSEWARES '96

One-Tined Fork



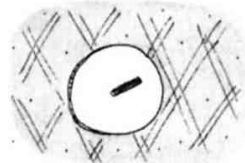
A utensil pared down
to its essential being.
\$350

Dinnerware



Plates free of contouring,
color, and texture.
\$450 per set

Hour Clock



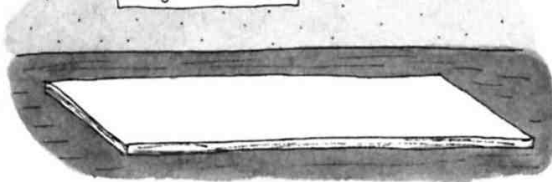
A timepiece that does
away with the fussiness
of minutes and seconds.
\$750

Basic Lamp



Simplicity itself.
\$1200

Legless Table



Sure to win design awards by the bucketful.
\$25,000

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"To relieve the pressure of your medical bills, I'm going to recommend that we go ahead and drain your savings account."



"Do I look like somebody who wants Barney Google on his envelopes?"



“O.K., but what’s our exit strategy?”



"He's very busy. One 'Good King Wenceslas,' and then out you go."



"You find that surprising, or is it just your pierced eyebrow?"

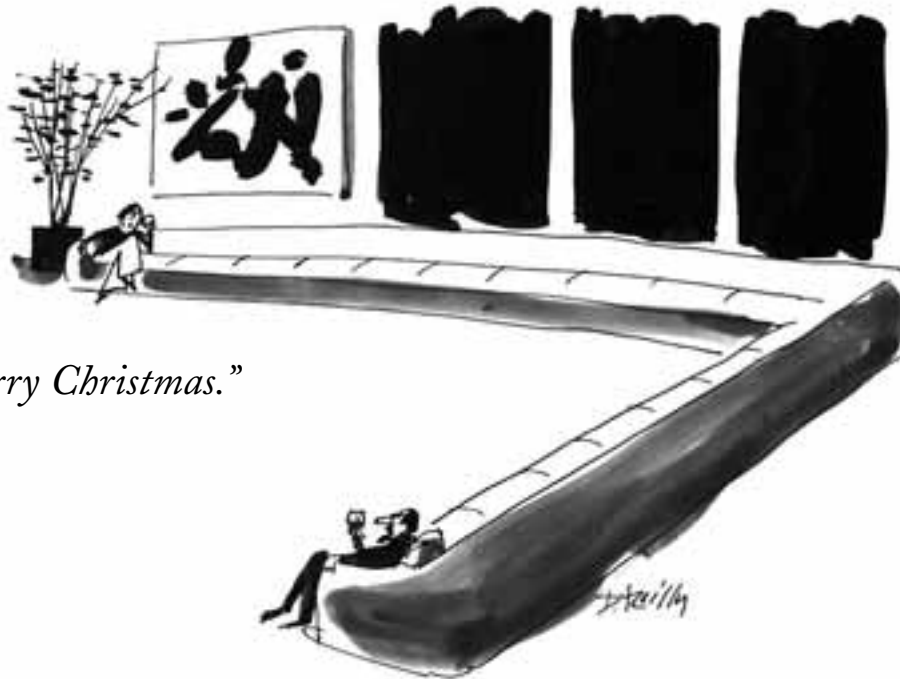




"Nonsense, Braddock, you do have a life."



"This is bad work, Edwards! Bad! Bad! Bad! Bad!"



"Merry Christmas."

"Same to you."

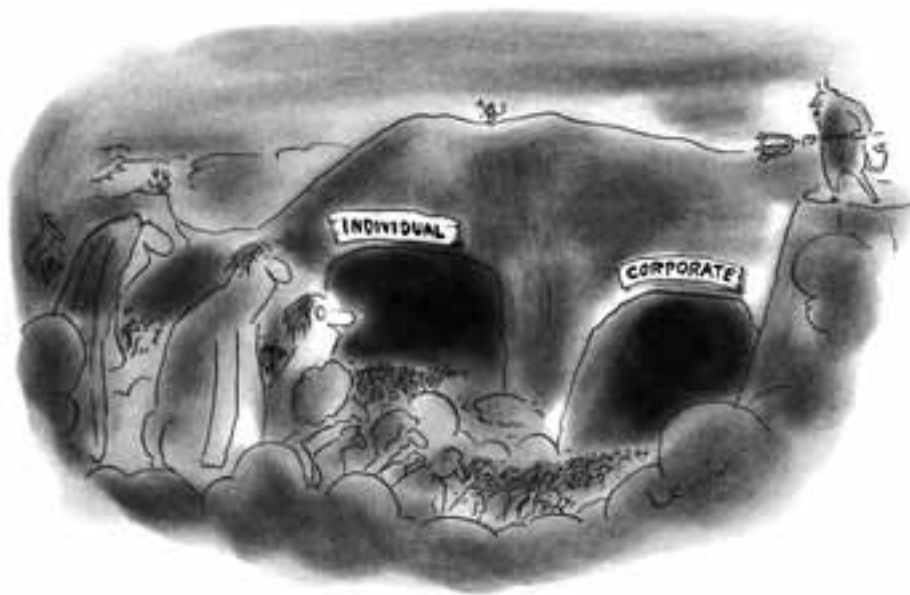


*"I don't know—somehow, when John Travolta says
'Look at me,' it's different."*



"It's Brooklyn clam chowder—you got a problem with that?"







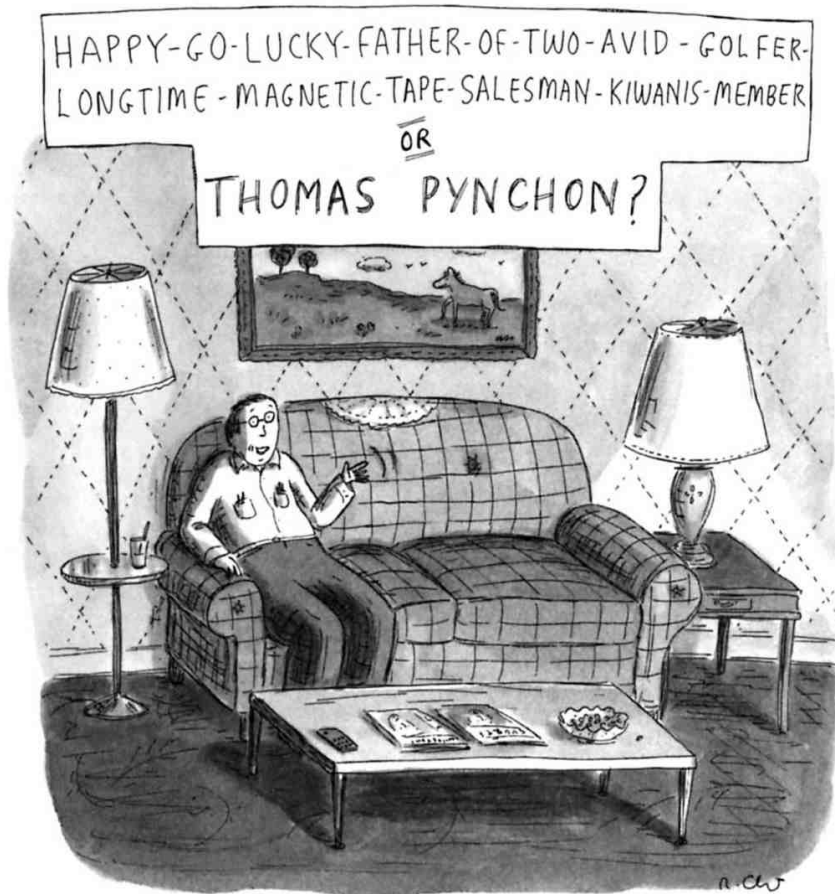
"The Queen's lawyer is in the countinghouse?"



"Santa Claus is no longer part of my belief system."



"I make sure I spend six hours a day in front of my typewriter whether I have any ideas or not."





"This is going to be a tough fix. He's completely obscured the main character's plausible motive for revenge by overdeveloping the setting and peppering the entire chapter with irrelevant flashback narratives."



"We bring gold and frankincense. The myrrh is in the mail."





"Jeremy reads children's books."



“Please, Mort, not in a Barnes & Noble Superstore.”





"Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio."









"I lied in my ad. I hate Wallace Stevens."





"Get J. D. Salinger on the horn for me!"

A WRITER GETS THE NEWS

